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Report: New Jewish underground targeting Mordechai

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and DOUGLAS DAVIS

A new Jewish underground is planning to assassinate Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, launch "massive murder attacks against Arabs in the West Bank," and attack holy sites on the Temple Mount, according to the London-based newsletter *Foreign Report*.

The newsletter, to be published today, quotes an Israeli security source as saying the aim of the attacks is to provoke Palestinian retaliation and create "a spiral of violence that will sabotage the Middle East peace process."

At the same time, the assassination of a senior cabinet minister is intended to paralyze the government, presumably to prevent any further transfer of territory.

Mordechai's spokesman Avi Benayahu would neither deny nor confirm the report.

He told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that the security arrangements for the defense minister were determined solely by the General Security Service.

"These arrangements are based on the assessments of the GSS and are not open for discussion in public," Benayahu said.

He declined to say whether protection for Mordechai has been beefed up. He added that Mordechai is one of the ministers most heavily protected by the GSS, although on a scale far less than Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

Still, the GSS has had special armor-plated cars built for the defense minister.

Earlier this week, Mordechai said in an interview with Israel Radio that he would not let extremists change his resolve.

"I operate in my own way. From the time I get up until very late at night all that I am interested in is the security of the state and all my interests are for the society of Israel," Mordechai said.

"I see with concern these extremist groups which try through violence – either verbal violence or other kinds of violence – to dictate our steps," he said. "They won't succeed in turning us from our path. If they think they can influence me, or my way and deeds, they are mistaken."

The Israeli source told *Foreign Report* that the head of the GSS has given top priority to stopping the Jewish terrorists rather than Arab terrorists.

"Terrorist action by our zealots against Moslem shrines is a hundred times more dangerous for Israel than Moslem car bombs in downtown Tel Aviv," the source was quoted as saying. He asserted that an attack on the shrines would immediately prompt the Islamic world to declare a holy war against Israel.

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Katyusha damage estimated at NIS 1m.

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH and DAVID HARRIS

Damage caused by the Katyusha attack Tuesday night was estimated at NIS 1 million, officials from the Income Tax Commission said yesterday.

Early yesterday morning a team of assessors and engineers visited sites damaged by the missile barrage.

Some 100 apartments, four public buildings and 10 vehicles were hit, and damage was also caused to agricultural land in the panhandle and western Galilee.

"We will try to make things as easy as possible and make every effort to repair the damages as soon as possible," said Income Tax Commissioner Doron Levy.

The commission set up an emergency station at a community center in Kiryat Shmona, which remained open for 12 hours.

Meanwhile, the Israel Electric Corporation worked throughout Tuesday night and yesterday to restore the power supply to the region.

Tourism Ministry director-general Shabtai Shai said it was too early to assess the damage done to tourism from cancellations following the attack.

Reports, however, said that cancellations had reached some 60%.

A delegation from the ministry will travel to the North today to learn how badly hotels and other sites were damaged.

Meanwhile, northern border town officials held a meeting in Ma'alot yesterday to discuss budget cuts that threatened to affect high school education in the area.

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A girl weeps on her mother's lap yesterday outside their house in Kiryat Shmona, which was damaged by Tuesday night's Katyusha rocket attack on the North. (AP)

In response to anti-aircraft fire

IAF hits Lebanese Army position

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN, MICHAL YUDELMAN and DAVID RUDGE

Hizbullah gunmen fired mortar rounds on an IDF position near the border yesterday after the IAF rocketed a Lebanese Army anti-aircraft battery, wounding a Lebanese soldier. In the North, life fell back into routine last night following the heaviest rocket attacks there in a year.

A South Lebanese Army soldier also died in an exchange of artillery fire yesterday in the security zone.

Yesterday's fighting followed a statement by the security cabinet yesterday vowing to "continue to fight terrorist organizations and act to protect its citizens in the north of the country and to restore security on its border with Lebanon."

In Mayzoun village in the Bekaa Valley, IAF helicopter gunships rocketed a Lebanese Army anti-aircraft battery mounted on an armored personnel carrier after it opened fire on the choppers. The army said the helicopters had been on a routine patrol.

Reports from Lebanon said a Lebanese Army soldier was wounded in the attack and that the APC was badly damaged. Security sources said the helicopters fired two rockets at the APC. The IDF said the vehicle was destroyed.

"The standing instructions are that whoever fires at IAF fighter jets or helicopters is a target. The IDF has no intention of involving Lebanese forces," an IDF statement said.

In other fighting yesterday, an SLA soldier was reported killed in the Kantara area in shelling exchanges that erupted along the length of the security zone.

Opposition offers limited support on Lebanon raids, Page 2

Amal and Hizbullah gunmen fired dozens of rounds of mainly mortars at SLA and IDF positions in the zone from around 4 a.m. yesterday, prompting heavy return fire from IDF and SLA gunners.

The fighting died down after several hours, and around mid-morning the IDF gave instructions that residents in the North could leave bomb shelters and security rooms.

Israel also protested to the Grapes of Wrath monitoring group over the Katyusha rocket attacks. According to the IDF, 17 civilians and 2 soldiers were lightly wounded by the rocket barrage. The Israeli complaint joins three complaints filed by Lebanon. The monitoring group is set to convene on Monday.

In Kiryat Shmona, a number of homes and vehicles were damaged and electricity supplies in parts of the town and neighboring communities were cut because of damage to power lines.

By last night, however, life had returned to normal. Bomb shelters were not opened and military sources said that even the army was no longer on a Katyusha alert.

"We said this morning after we assessed the situation that it was our understanding that the [Katyusha] firings were over. We returned the residents and all of the Galilee to routine," OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Gaby Ashkenazy told reporters.

The security cabinet met in Jerusalem yesterday for three hours and reportedly considered retaliating for the Katyusha attack. There were reportedly some suggestions to retaliate against Syrian targets or infrastructure in Lebanon.

It later issued a statement saying Israel will "continue to fight terrorist organizations and act to protect its citizens in the north of the country and to restore security on its border with Lebanon."

But from Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai's warning afterwards, it appeared that Israel was opting for restraint to avoid escalating the situation.

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Parents: Unsafe schools won't open

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Parents Association leaders announced yesterday that they would keep some 100,000 youngsters out of school when classes resume next week because of unsafe building conditions.

They demanded that the Education Ministry and local authorities stop relying on "miracles" and take prompt action to fix unsafe schools and classrooms.

Parents Association demands refund of trip money, Page 4

The parents group also threatened to keep all the nation's schools closed if teachers' sanctions, which last year forced the cancellation of school trips and after-school activities, continue. So far, no solution to the teachers' demands has been found.

"The Education Ministry is apparently relying on the municipalities, and some of the municipalities and local authorities are relying on miracles.

"But you can only rely on miracles for so long. Amelia Cohen is dead; the two boys killed in the collapse of the roof in Beersheba are no longer with us," Parents Association chairman Shai Lachman said at a Tel Aviv press conference called in advance of the opening of the school year.

Lachman also noted several incidents of school ceilings that collapsed over the summer.

"We're talking about people's lives," he said. "We are determined not to let this go by. We will not absolve the education minister, the Education Ministry and the local councils from their direct responsibility for this matter."

He said the ministry had actually cut the school safety budget for the year by some 16%, from NIS 43.9 million to NIS 36.9m.

"We don't want to hear anymore that there isn't any money. There is money, plenty of it. The whole thing is a matter of priorities," he continued.

"Tens of millions of shekels are given to the privileged sectors within haredi and other frameworks as part of coalition agreements, and the only ones there's no money for are those in the state education system. We refuse to accept this," he maintained.

Ministry officials, however, denied there had been any cut in the safety budget, and said plans to shore up safety actions that would be carried out in the near future in this regard would require even more funding.

As to claims of preferential funding, the ministry spokesman said: "There is nothing to claims of budgetary preference begin given to 'privileged sectors' as Mr. Lachman says. Such claims should be made by political figures, and not by an organization which claims to represent parents of all the pupils."

Lachman dismissed the ministry's denial. He accused the ministry of not carrying out a serious survey of school safety problems, despite their statements to the contrary and commitment to the Knesset Education Committee.

"Almost nothing's been done," Moshe Sheinfeld, who heads up the association's school safety efforts, said.

He said one school cited for unsafe conditions had sent five faxes to the ministry asking exactly what was supposed to be fixed, and was still awaiting a response.

Because of numerous safety violations in schools, Lachman said classes would not begin September 1 in Netanya (40,000 pupils), Rehovot (25,000) and Beersheba (35,000), in Daliat al-Carmel, and several other individual institutions found unsafe.

Schools in Hadera may also be closed, although the municipality apparently "found" NIS 10 million and was busy carrying out repairs this week, parents association officials in the city reported.

Classes held in some 300 classrooms that are fire hazards will also not take place, with the problem particularly bad in the Arab sector.

In addition, the parents group will act to keep shut school laboratories that do not meet safety requirements, until they pass inspection.

Association officials noted that while some NIS 4 million had been invested in renovating Beersheba's Comprehensive High School Six, where a roof killed Shlomi Toledo and Lior Caballo on June 10, the rest of the city was neglected.

The municipality, however, had come up with a novel solution to prevent any further accidents: all playground equipment has been removed from the schoolyards and even from neighborhood parks, "so they don't have any problems," Sheinfeld said.

A Beersheba municipality spokesman could not be reached for comment.

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IDF probes death of Palestinian baby under closure

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

The IDF is investigating charges by a Palestinian woman who said IDF soldiers caused the death of her newborn baby on Tuesday night by not allowing her through a roadblock in Hebron to get to the hospital.

Fadwa Adam, 24, asked to be allowed to go to the local Aliya Hospital after she went into labor, she said.

Due to the soldiers' refusal, her husband was forced to drive a roundabout route, she said. During the ride she gave birth in the car to her baby, who died minutes after arriving at the hospital.

On receiving details of the complaint, Hebron Battalion Commander Col. Yigal Sharon questioned all IDF soldiers manning roadblocks in the city.

The IDF Spokesman said last night that Sharon had found out after a second inquiry that the driver of a Palestinian vehicle had approached the roadblock and asked to enter the town, maintaining that one of the passengers was pregnant.

It was unclear whether the driver specified that the woman was in labor.

The soldiers refused to permit the driver in, the spokesman said, adding that Sharon has appointed an officer to further investigate.

Abdel Rahim Namoura, the deputy director of Aliya Hospital, said the cause of death could not be confirmed until an autopsy was performed.

Namoura hinted, however, that the baby's chances of survival would have been higher if Adam had reached the hospital on time.

This is the second complaint of a baby allegedly dying due to a delay in receiving medical care since the imposition of a closure and curfew on the area under Israeli control in Hebron following the murder of Rabbi Shlomo Ra'anan in Tel Rumeida last Thursday.

On Saturday, Sherine Badr-al-Hadad said her three-month-old baby, one of triplets, died because IDF soldiers refused to allow her to take the baby to the hospital, forcing her to take a longer route along which the baby died.

After investigating the charges, the IDF Spokesman denied the report, and Sharon visited the bereaved family to express his condolences and offer assistance.

Meanwhile, the IDF lifted the curfew in the area under its control for three hours to allow Palestinians to shop yesterday afternoon.

Earlier in the day, IDF soldiers rescued two Palestinians caught in a burning house in the casbah area. The two were transferred to the local hospital for treatment, and the IDF Spokesman said the army is investigating the cause of the fire.

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NEWS
in brief

Syria warns Israel on actions in Lebanon

Syria's official media yesterday strongly condemned the Israeli attacks in southern Lebanon and warned Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu of taking a new "reckless military adventure" to absorb the "internal resentment due to the daily Israeli losses of human beings at the hands of the Lebanese resistance".

The *Al-Baath* daily added that Netanyahu "would bear full responsibility for any crazy adventure". The English-language *Syria Times* newspaper said the Israeli troops continued violating international laws and conventions by raiding civilians and killing innocent people.

"These acts are real state terrorism," the newspaper said. *DPA*

Baby undergoes laser circumcision

A ritual circumcision has been performed on a two-month-old baby suffering from hemophilia with a laser device used instead of a knife to prevent potentially fatal bleeding.

The baby – the youngest in Israel to undergo such a procedure – is the son of new immigrants; previously, it was done on children up to the age of 15. The *brit mila* was performed by Dr. Shlomo Wallfish, a religious surgeon who first did such a procedure on a hemophiliac 10 years ago.

Because of the danger of a conventional circumcision to boys and men suffering from the blood-clotting disorder, the laser operation to remove the foreskin has been approved by rabbis.

According to halacha, if two brothers die after a circumcision (almost always due to hemophilia), the next son child is exempt from having a *brit mila*. But with the development of effective laser surgery, any hemophiliac baby can undergo the ritual, Wallfish said. *Judy Siegel*

Ministry: Schools can't absorb new teachers

A steering committee must be created to create long-term policy regarding the teaching profession, because the system cannot absorb new teachers due to commitments to veteran teachers, Menahem Cohen, the ministry deputy-director-general for manpower said yesterday. The committee should include representatives of the ministry, teachers unions, Higher Education Authority, institutions which train teachers and the Treasury, he said.

Among the recommendations he suggested were reducing for several years the number of new students accepted to institutions which train teachers; initiating the transfer of those studying to be teachers to other professions; and increasing the number of veteran teachers taking early retirement. *Aryeh Dean Cohen*

Drug crops destroyed in northeastern Lebanon

Lebanese soldiers and police destroyed hemp and poppy fields in northeast Lebanon yesterday as part of an ongoing crackdown on illegal drugs, security officials said.

The units used 17 tractors to plow under hemp and poppy crops – used to make hashish and opium – on 40 square kilometers of land.

The fields were in the remote Akkar and Hermel regions, about 15 kilometers west of the Syrian border.

The security officials described the plowing, but did not estimate the quantity of destroyed drugs.

Army troops and the police's Drug Enforcement Office have mounted several raids this year in eastern Lebanon. *AP*

Top Mossad man said kidnapped

Channel 2 reported last night that a top Mossad official was kidnapped during a vacation with his family in an Eastern European country, possibly Russia, and interrogated for three weeks before being released. The man was not identified, and the report said that even after he was released it was not clear who had kidnapped and questioned him. The Prime Minister's Office, which is responsible for the Mossad, flatly denied the report. "Nothing like this ever happened," said a statement by Aviv Bushinksy, the prime minister's spokesman. *Arieh O'Sullivan*

Libya agrees to Pan Am trial in Netherlands

Libya yesterday accepted a US-British proposal to try two suspects in the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am flight in the Netherlands, the Libyan Foreign Ministry said.

The ministry statement listed no conditions and did not say when the suspects – Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah – might be moved to The Netherlands or when the trial might start.

Libya "announces its acceptance of ... the new position of the United Kingdom and the United States," the ministry said in a statement. London and Washington had earlier insisted that any trial must be held in the United States or Britain. Libya also urged the United Nations to lift its travel sanctions against the country. (Earlier story, Page 7) *AP*

Barak urges Fuad to stick with local elections

Labor Party leader Ehud Barak and party secretary-general Ra'anan Cohen are making efforts to prevent MK Binyamin Ben-Eliezer from resigning as head of the municipal elections staff. Ben-Eliezer announced his resignation on Tuesday night, after Barak refused to allocate an additional NIS 10 million for the local election campaign.

Sources close to Barak said the party leadership has earmarked NIS 33m. for the elections, a sum equal with the government's budget for this purpose. The sources said Barak and Cohen refused to increase the party's NIS 90m. deficit, which Labor's present leaders inherited after the elections, by giving more money for the local elections. *Michal Yudelman*

Labor leader calls for talks with Syria

Barak supports IDF's killing of Amal leader

By DAVID RUDGE and MICHAL YUDELMAN

Opposition leader MK Ehud Barak yesterday supported the decision to kill Husam Amin, the Amal operations chief. But he also urged the government to resume talks with Syria to resolve the Lebanon issue.

"It's the government's duty to do all it can to get the IDF out of Lebanon with an agreement which will ensure security here," Barak said during a visit to Kiryat Shmona.

Barak added that such an agreement would not be possible without resuming the talks with Syria. These talks may be long and difficult, but have a good chance of leading to an agreement, he said.

Opposition MKs sharply criticized the defense establishment for not giving instructions to people to stay off the streets and enter shelters or security rooms before the actual attack.

OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Gaby Ashkenazi did in fact speak to heads of northern communities by phone Tuesday evening and appraised them of the situation. As a result, public bomb shelters in Kiryat Shmona were opened and prepared as a precaution.

Ashkenazi told reporters at a briefing early yesterday in Kiryat Shmona that everything had been done according to assessments.

"When we thought that it would be right to take a further step and open the bomb shelters, we gave the appropriate instructions," said Ashkenazi.

Former head of military intelligence General (res.) Uri Saguy criticized suggestions to strike at Syrian forces in Lebanon.

"Anyone who decides on a solution by force alone against the Syrians has learned nothing. The government must make a strategic decision to go for a political settlement to solve the Lebanon problem from the core," he said.

General (res.) MK Ori Orr said actions like striking at terrorists within Lebanon have always evoked a sharp reaction and therefore both the military and the civilian authorities should have been ready for the Katyusha attack.

Orr said the strike was not worth the price, and if Israel is heading for an escalation of hostilities with Syria or even war, then the security zone is not necessary.

"If the aim is to harm many people with a helicopter attack, then get out of the security zone. The security zone is intended to protect the northern settlements. But if you want to start war, then what's the point of keeping soldiers there? We are less durable than they are," Orr said.

A war in Lebanon or an attack on the Syrian army always failed to bring peace in the past and won't do so in the future, he said. Nor will these approaches improve the security of the northern settlements, Orr added.

Meretz leader MK Yossi Sarid called on the government not to escalate the situation in the south of Lebanon, so as not to unnecessarily jeopardize northern residents.

Weizman refrains from endorsing hit against Amal leader

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

True to form, President Ezer Weizman visited Kiryat Shmona yesterday morning to meet with residents, hear their version of Tuesday night's rocket attacks, and console them.

"I came to meet with residents, listen to them and maybe drink some coffee or tea," he said. Weizman was received warmly by the locals and greeted at the helicopter pad by a resident of Kiryat Shmona, who held pieces of shrapnel.

Responding to reporters' questions regarding the assasination of Husam Amin, an Amal leader, Weizman declared that a solution to the northern border lies with Syria and diplomatic channels.

Asked if he thought the assasination was worth it, Weizman said he hoped IDF officials had considered all possible repercussions before carrying out the attack.

The president also offered to organize a wedding reception for Eitan and Lilah Maman, whose wedding celebration was cut short by the Katyusha barrage.

Eitan told the president that the "happiest" day in his life had been turned into the "worst" day. He said that he and his bride managed to finish the religious part of the ceremony under a table, where he placed the ring on Lilah's finger.

SLA's shelling, not Amal hit, prompted Katyusha attacks

ANALYSIS

By DAVID RUDGE

The killing of regional Amal Operations Chief Husam el-Amin by an IAF helicopter gunship was a well-calculated risk.

The IDF and the defense establishment in general had every justification for believing that Amal would not retaliate with a cross-border attack for the death of Amin.

They were absolutely right. Lebanese security sources yesterday confirmed to *The Jerusalem Post* that Amal did not fire a single rocket or mortar round across the border on Tuesday night.

The bombardments were perpetrated by Hizbullah – and not in response to the killing of Amin, the head of Amal's operations center for the western sector of south Lebanon.

Hizbullah, in a statement issued early yesterday, made it crystal clear that the rocket attacks were in retaliation for the wounding of Lebanese civilians in Masghara and Sohmor villages, north of the security zone, as a result of South Lebanese Army shelling.

The SLA fire was, in turn, in response to a roadside bomb attack in the Jezzine area on Tuesday afternoon in which an SLA soldier was killed. Simultaneously, Hizbullah gunmen fired mortars at an SLA outpost in the Jezzine area. The shelling was in direct response to those incidents.

The outcome of the SLA shelling, which also reportedly struck close to a Syrian army position, was the wounding of seven Lebanese civilians.

Hizbullah has no reason for taking up the fight on the part of its Shi'ite rival Amal, but it does have cause to do so in its self-proclaimed role as the "protector of the Lebanese people." The statement issued by the extremist organization made no mention whatsoever about the killing of Amin, only about the Lebanese civilian casualties.

Hizbullah accused Israel of "exercising its tyranny" for too long against Lebanese civilians, saying that complaints to the Grapes of Wrath monitoring group and the international community had failed to curb the "aggression of the Zionist enemy."

"We have to make it clear to the enemy that there will be no security for their civilians as long as our civilians are being targeted," Hizbullah said.

The official announcement said that Hizbullah, based on its "firm commitment to protect our people" had fired salvoes of Katyusha rockets at Nahariya, Moshav Zarit, Kiryat Shmona and an IDF position on the northern border not far from Kibbutz Manara.

"We assert our commitment and keeness to adhere to the April (Grapes of Wrath) understandings and warn the enemy against resuming any form of aggression against our people," the statement said.

Hizbullah has retaliated on numerous occasions in the past in exactly the same way and for precisely the same reasons: the deaths or wounding of Lebanese civilians north of the zone.

Such attacks ultimately led to Operation Accountability in 1993 and Operation Grapes of Wrath three years later. There was no reason to suppose that Tuesday night would be any different, after the wounding of seven Lebanese civilians from SLA fire.

Most knowledgable Lebanese analysts and observers were only too well aware that Hizbullah was likely to retaliate with Katyusha rocket attacks on the Galilee.

The IDF and the defense establishment, given years experience, should also have been aware of this distinct possibility.

The fact that northern residents, and those in Kiryat Shmona in particular, were not instructed to go into bomb shelters and security rooms because of the likelihood of Hizbullah attacks in retaliation for the wounding by the SLA of Lebanese civilians, was a mistake.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu surveys a damaged building in Kiryat Shmona yesterday. (Avihu Shapiro/Israel Sun)

Northern residents survey damage 'God was on our side, not just luck'

By DAVID RUDGE

Residents of Kiryat Shmona and other parts of the North emerged from bomb shelters and an interrupted night's sleep in security rooms yesterday morning to survey the damage caused by Hizbullah's Katyusha rocket attacks on Tuesday night – and count their blessings.

"I think that God was on our side and not just luck," said Kiryat Shmona resident Lior Tubul. "You can't be so fortunate every time something like this happens, and unfortunately its happens too often."

The fact that only 10 residents and two IDF soldiers were lightly hurt in the two separate rocket salvoes that hit the town was seen by many of the people as something of a miracle.

"One of the rockets, for instance, exploded on open land between buildings in one of the housing projects here, without causing any casualties or serious damage," said Tubul, noting that it could just have easily hit one of the buildings.

He noted that 700 guests at a wedding reception that was taking place in one of the catering halls in town at the time of the first barrage had been even more fortunate.

"One of the rockets exploded only a few meters from the reception hall," Tubul said. "There were many guests there from outside the area who are not acquainted with the 'Katyusha syndrome' that we have unfortunately had to get used to and many of them were hysterical."

Emergency and security forces evacuated the guests from the hall, including the "happy couple" who were just about to be married.

Bride and groom Lilah and Eitan Maman were in the middle of their wedding when the first barrage hit. "We were just at the start. It was awful and I feel terrible," Eitan told reporters on Tuesday night. "We had arrived at the reception hall a few minutes before [the rockets fell]. When we got to the canopy the barrage hit [nearby] and everybody started to run around.

"People fell over, I was just shocked," Eitan said. "I just didn't know what was happening. It was the worst shock of my life. Everything [the wedding] was destroyed."

Several of the guests had to be treated for shock by Magen David Adom paramedics and staff at Safed's Rebecca Seiff Hospital's front-line emergency ward in Kiryat Shmona.

Several cars and at least one truck were badly damaged in the rocket attacks.

E.G. Marshall dead at 84

NEW YORK (AP) – E.G. Marshall, the Emmy Award-winning character actor who played so many politicians, lawyers and judges that he was sometimes confused with the real thing, has died. He was 84.

Marshall, who had been sick for a short time, died Monday night at his home in suburban Mount Kisco, said his agent, Clifford Stevens.

His movie credits included *The Caine Mutiny, The Silver Chalice, The Left Hand of God, Twelve Angry Men, Cash McCall, Town Without Pity, Compulsion, The Bridge at Remagen* and *Superman 2*.

On Broadway he appeared in *The Petrified Forest, The Iceman Cometh, The Skin of our Teeth, Jacobowsky and the Colonel., The Gambler, The Crucible* and *Waiting for Godot*.

His distinctive voice was heard on commercials, and he was often used as a narrator or a host.

He starred as lawyer Lawrence Preston in *The Defenders*, a popular CBS courtroom drama series that ran from 1961 to 1965.

His portrayal of the father in a father-and-son law firm won him Emmys in 1962 and 1963.

He played the part of Dr. David Craig in the NBC series *The New Doctors* from 1969 to 1973. His character headed a combination hospital and research center dedicated to finding new medical techniques.

He continued to act in his 80s, playing an aging tycoon whose wife, the president's mistress, is murdered in the 1997 Clint Eastwood film, *Absolute Power*.

MORDECHAI

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"It could be a catastrophe if more than a billion Moslems, most of them at the moment indifferent to the Israeli-Arab conflict... turned against Israel," the source said.

The source said the GSS "has discovered that the Jewish underground has been acquiring information about Mordechai, his private life and his home."

The newsletter said Mordechai was singled out for attack, because he is considered to be relatively moderate.

"I feel in my bones that Yitzhak Rabin's assassination was not the last political murder in Israel," the security source said. "We are doing all that we can to prevent a second assassination. If we will fail again it might be a catastrophe for Israeli democracy."

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PLC members want Rajoub fired

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Palestinian Legislative Council members have demanded that West Bank Preventive Security Chief Jibril Rajoub be fired after men under his command beat up several PLC members outside the al-Bireh home of Hamas fugitive Imad Awadallah.

PLC member Hatem Abdul Hader was attacked by one of Rajoub's men outside the home and suffered injuries to his head and hand, and another PLC member was also injured in the fracas.

PLC members gathered at Awadallah's home yesterday and Tuesday to show their solidarity and protest the continued siege on the house, which is being guarded by Palestinian security forces.

PLC members who had planned to hold a session in Hebron yesterday to discuss the recent events in the city, changed the venue to Ramallah and discussed the recent violence against PLC members by Rajoub's men.

PLC member and PA Minister of Parliamentary Affairs Nabil Amr sent a statement issued after the session asking Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat to review the charges and notify the PLC today of his decision.

Responding to the charges, Rajoub said PLC members should listen to his opinion before making such statements and not publish an inabsentia judgment.

Rajoub said he would punish those responsible for the violence inflicted on the PLC members.

Kader, recovering in Ramallah Hospital, told reporters it was the second time within 24 hours that Rajoub's men had beaten up PLC members.

Following yesterday's session he said PLC members went to Awadallah's house but were prevented from entering. Rajoub's men attacked him and he was hit on the head with a gun and injured in his hand.

Kader charged that the current situation in Ramallah is bad but said it was not clear if Rajoub was acting on orders or taking the law into his own hands.

If he is keen on taking over from Arafat then he should do it in a democratic manner and not by force, said Kader.

Meanwhile, Bassam Eid, director of the Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group, said the incident would prove to PLC members if the PA is ready to act according to the law and punish Rajoub.

It is not enough just to fire Rajoub from his position, he said.

PLC member Hasan Khreisha, from Tulkarem, said the recent assaults by Rajoub's men prove that the security apparatus is determined to continue using violence but vowed that PLC members would continue their struggle for justice.

Khreisha, who visited Awadallah's family, said their situation was fine, despite the fact that they were under house arrests.

"No Palestinian allows its representatives to be insulted, and I don't doubt for a moment that the security forces were acting under orders from someone high up in the apparatus.

PA Minister of High Education Hanan Ashrawi called on those responsible for the violence to be punished.

Another PLC member, Abdul Jawad Salah, said the violence directed at PLC members is being used to stop the PLC from addressing corruption within the PA.

PA Minister of Post and Telecommunications Imad Falouji said the issues would be discussed in the next PA Cabinet meeting.

Falouji said Rajoub's men prevented reporters and photographers from filming the fracas yesterday outside Awadallah's home.

Moussa: Egypt not holding Abu Nidal

By SALAH NASRAWI

CAIRO (AP) – A high-ranking Palestinian official said yesterday that the notorious terrorist Abu Nidal has been detained in Egypt, but the country's foreign minister denied the report.

The Palestinian's statement follows nearly two weeks of similar claims, all denied by Egyptian security officials who spoke anonymously. The comment by Foreign Minister Amr Moussa is the first denial by an Egyptian official speaking publicly.

The interest in Abu Nidal – Arabic for "father of struggle" – comes because of his notoriety for his daring attacks on Israelis and even Palestinians whom he opposed, and for the mystery surrounding him.

He was once considered the world's most dangerous terrorist.

He is reported to have died several times – only to reappear – and to have totally changed his looks through plastic surgery.

In recent days, several Palestinian officials insisting on anonymity have told news organizations that Abu Nidal was either jailed or hospitalized with leukemia. None, however, has offered proof he was in the country.

On Wednesday, a leading Palestinian official – again speaking on condition of anonymity – said the onetime guerrilla whose real name is Sabri al-Banna was arrested five weeks ago, coming from Libya.

He said he was uncertain if Libya arranged for the 61-year-old Palestinian to leave or if Abu Nidal's own people were trying to smuggle him out through Egypt to another country.

Abu Nidal is near death and being treated in a hospital, but is in effect in detention by Egyptian officials, the official contended.

He theorized Egypt is denying the arrest because it does not know what to do with Abu Nidal and fears revealing his arrest could make Egypt the target of anger by other terrorists.

Hours later, Moussa issued his public denial. He was asked about reports Tuesday and yesterday by American newspapers and broadcasters which quoted US and Arab officials as saying Abu Nidal had been arrested by Egyptian police.

"Abu Nidal is not in Egypt," Moussa replied. He did not expand on the statement.

In Washington, the State Department's intelligence and counterterrorism offices could not confirm reports of Abu Nidal's arrest. "We just don't know," a US official said.

Abu Nidal's group has been listed by the US State Department as "the most dangerous terrorist organization." It has been blamed for killing 300 people and wounding more than 650 in 20 countries since 1973.

He is said to have operated out of Syria, Iraq and Libya at various times. However, most of the incidents blamed on Abu Nidal occurred years ago, and he is now believed to have only a few hundred followers, mostly in Lebanon.

Born in Jaffa in 1937, Abu Nidal's main targets have been Israelis. But he also was blamed for killing some of Yasser Arafat's chief aides after he split with the PLO leader, claiming he was not keeping up the struggle against Israel.

The terrorist leader is not wanted in the United States, though he has been blamed for blowing up two American airliners: a Pan Am jet on the ground in Rome in 1973 and a TWA plane in 1974 in the air over the Aegean Sea. The combined death toll was 120.

His most famous attacks were the twin assaults on ticket counters of the Israeli airline El Al at Rome and Vienna airports on Dec. 27, 1985. Eighteen people were killed and 120 wounded.

Record number of Bulgarian immigrants arrive

Bulgarian immigrants are greeted at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday by a Maccabi Jaffa soccer player. They arrived on a special flight carrying some 100 new immigrants, marking a record for newcomers arriving from Bulgaria in a single day.

(Yael Somekh/Israel Sun)

Mordechai meets settler leaders on Tel Rumeida construction

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Acting on a directive issued by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to speed up building in Tel Rumeida, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai met with members of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza to discuss the construction and security issues.

Beit El Local Council head Uri Ariel, a former adviser to Mordechai, and council director-general Aharon Domb were present at the meeting.

Council spokeswoman Yehudit Tayar said the meeting was technical, with the main focus on Tel Rumeida.

No dates were set regarding construction, Tayar said, but now the plans will be submitted to the various committees for approval.

The security discussions focused on lessons learned since the terrorist attack and murder of Rabbi Shlomo Ra'anan, she said.

Meanwhile the council hosted Golan Heights Committee leaders who travelled throughout Judea and Samaria to learn how the settlements there would be affected by the pending redeployments.

The leaders met with community officials and traveled in Samaria, the Binyamin region and Gush Etzion.

"The aim was to introduce them to the daily realities faced by residents in Judea and Samaria, which will enable them to present a clearer picture to their constituents at home," said Tayar.

Arafat aide: Talks are still deadlocked

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Peace negotiations with Israel remain deadlocked because it has not agreed to all the US proposals, Nabil Abu Rudeineh, an aide to Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, said yesterday.

Discussions between Israeli and Palestinian officials, he said, have failed to bridge the gap.

The remarks contrasted with optimism evinced by Arafat in Oslo Monday, when the PA leader told reporters that Israeli proposals "could be a beginning" to resuscitating the peace process.

Abu Rudeineh said the Israeli government must formally agree to US proposals and then make a decision to implement them, he said. The problem, he said, concerns three percent of the West Bank, with Israel refusing to declare who will control the land.

PA Minister of Local Councils Saeb Erekat said, meanwhile, that no date had been set for the return of US envoy Dennis Ross to the region.

He said that the current impasse is an attempt by Israel to evade adhering to signed accords.

Israeli officials blame the impasse on the PA, which they say has not proven its determination to combat terrorism.

Paper prints 3 new Anne Frank diary pages

By MIKE CORDER

AMSTERDAM (AP) – An Amsterdam newspaper published excerpts from five new pages of Anne Frank's famed diary yesterday, prompting the foundation holding the copyright to call in its lawyers.

Het Parool, an Amsterdam daily, ran what it said was the text from three diary pages on its front page next to a large photograph of the teen-age Jewish diarist who hid with her family from the Nazis.

The excerpts accompanied a story claiming that Anne never wanted her writings published in the first place.

Het Parool's deputy editor, Frits Campagne, refused to say how the newspaper obtained the pages.

Earlier this month, longtime Frank family friend and confidante Cor Suijk admitted to having the pages. He insists that Otto Frank gave him the pages before his death in 1980, and demands that proceeds from their publication should go to his Holocaust awareness crusade in the US. Suijk works for the Anne Frank Center USA in New York.

The Netherlands State Institute for War Documentation, which wants to include the pages in a new edition of the diary, has a lawyer helping it obtain the pages.

After yesterday's publication, the Anne Frank Fund, based in Basel, Switzerland, and holder of the copyright to the diary, responded that the case was in the hands of its lawyers.

The purported diary entries contained criticisms of Anne's parents' marriage, speculating that her father, Otto, did not really love her mother, Edith.

"Father is not in love; he kisses her as he kisses us [children]. ... She loves him as she loves no other and it is difficult to see this kind of love always unanswered," the excerpts said.

Citing one of the pages, *Het Parool* said Anne wrote she "would make sure nobody got their hands on" the diary.

David Barnouw, a spokesman for the war documentation institute, dismissed the claim and noted that Anne had written often about her aspirations of becoming a journalist.

"She is like any girl contradicting herself in her diary," Barnouw said today.

Since its first publication in 1947, the diary has become a best-selling modern literary classic translated into dozens of languages.

Report shows Ramat Hovav mismanagement

An interim report indicating serious mismanagement and operational deficiencies at the Ramat Hovav hazardous waste dump was presented yesterday to Environment Minister Rafael Eitan, who called for the dismissal of the director of the company that operates the site.

The report was drawn up by the Eshel Committee, which was appointed following the huge August 2 fire in which a asbestos shed storing lithium batteries burned.

The fire caused chemical explosions that sent asbestos pieces 15 meters into the air and released hazardous fumes.

Eitan called for the firing of Ze'ev Tsel, who heads the Environmental Services Company, which manages the site. Even before the report was released, Shmuel Rifman, head of the Ramat Negev Regional Council, had called for the site to be closed and Tsel to be dismissed. (Itim)

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"Israel maintains the right to strike at terrorists anywhere and anyhow that Israel deems necessary. The state of Israel will continue to act according to its security needs against every target. I have no intention on elaborating how and where we will act," Mordechai said.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu instructed the defense, finance, interior and education ministers to meet this week with officials in the northern border towns to solve the problems of shelters and their maintenance.

Later while visiting the North, where he inspected the damage done by the Katyushas, Netanyahu said:

"We obviously reserve the right to take continuous action against the terrorists...We will do that until there is peace in south Lebanon, which means until the Hizbullah capability is dismantled there and Israel will withdraw from Lebanon at that time."

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani commended the killing of Amal operations chief Husam Amin and hinted the strikes at terrorist leaders in Lebanon will continue.

"I didn't hear a tone of sorrow about the liquidation of El-Amin, who initiated strikes at Israeli soldiers and citizens, at the cabinet meeting," Kahalani said.

"Therefore the method of action is correct. We have all kinds of contingency plans and usually approve the initiatives proposed by the IDF, if they serve our national goals. I commend the killing of a leader who hurt our soldiers. It may be assumed we'll continue in this direction."

Earlier yesterday, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz took responsibility for not ordering civilians to the shelters following the strike on the Amal commander.

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Shlomo Buhbut, mayor of Ma'alot, pointed a finger at Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, charging it was obvious he didn't care that children in the North received inferior schooling from those in the rest of the country.

"We are talking about NIS 15m. that will not only assist the high schools in the area but will be used to aid weaker pupils and cut the number of pupils in each class," Buhbut said.

Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai called on the government to extend the special concessions allotted to communities in the area and vowed to raise the issue in Sunday's cabinet meeting.

"The government of Israel must display sensitivity to the social problems and the widening gaps in Israel's society, especially those living in confrontation-line communities," he said.

Yishai said the extra allocations were agreed upon by the government in May 1996 and related to a two-year period, which will end this year.

Government officials, including Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Buhbut said, should realize that it is not enough to visit the North only when something happens but that the communities should receive continued support throughout the year.

Buhbut said he was concerned that if the educational system did not receive the required finances, residents will leave the North for other areas, and this will affect the security in the long run. Empty places will have to be manned by IDF soldiers to maintain a presence, he explained.

"We don't want any favors; we demand, however, that the northern border communities receive an economic boost," he said.

Netanyahu called for a special ministerial committee to meet with northern leaders by the end of the week and discuss their demands.

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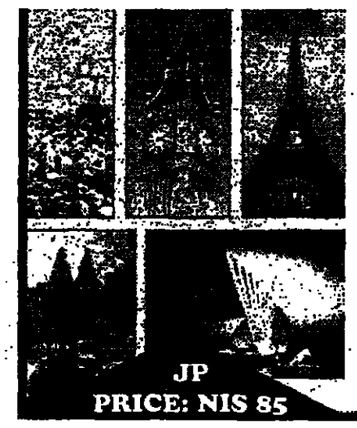

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Pisgat Ze'ev road row renewed as bones removed from grave

Olmert intervenes in dispute

By AMY KLEIN

Amid renewed controversy at Pisgat Ze'ev's Road 1 construction site, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert yesterday intervened in a dispute over the removal of bones exhumed from three graves, ordering that they be returned.

It was not clear who had removed the bones earlier in the day, a step that angered the Jerusalem Rabbinical Council. It said such action could not be taken without prior permission from its head, Rabbi Shalom Eliashiv.

It was the first working day at the site for Antiquities Authority staffers after a two-and-a-half week hiatus.

MK Aryeh Deri, who was visiting the site with the mayor, said that removing the bones without Eliashiv's permission was an insult to the rabbi and could cause a "ruckus" in the haredi community. Some 200 haredim later demonstrated near the site, without disrupting the work there.

Despite a ruling by the council two months ago that bones could be removed and reburied some 50 meters below the ground, the haredi body is now asking the municipality to wait for another green light from Eliashiv.

During the hiatus, Moriah, the municipality's construction company, cleared rubble from the site. Moriah was also waiting for the green-light from the rabbinical council, said Itzo Gur, Moriah's spokesman.

Both Gur and Osnat Goell, spokeswoman for the Antiquities Authority, denied that their personnel were involved in removing the bones.

The Authority completed the first stage of their work yesterday, excavating three graves, Goell said. A total of seven have been excavated and another 48 more remain buried in the construction site.

If a two-lane road is built instead of the three originally planned, the road can be built without working on the 48 graves, she added.

MK Aryeh Deri, left, and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert engage in a heated exchange yesterday at the construction site for Road 1 in north Jerusalem's Pisgat Ze'ev neighborhood. (Flash 90)

Parents Association demands refund of unused trip money

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Parents Association officials have demanded that the Education Ministry make sure any money left over from payments made by parents for school trips last year be returned or legal action will be taken.

Ya'akov Yisraeli, the association's legal adviser, said "the money does not belong to the education system," adding that the association would petition the High Court of Justice if the ministry does not respond to the request.

The association is also urging parents associations who have not received the money back to take legal action if the funds are not forthcoming.

Some schools have already returned the money. However, Moshe Sheinfeld of the association said some principals were using the money – in some cases tens of thousands of shekels – for renovations, equipment, or, in the case of the Kugel school in Holon, as "a contribution" to the school.

Israel Parents Association chairman Shai Lachman said the organization would not allow school to open next week if the sanctions imposed by teachers last year, which forced the cancellation of hundreds of school trips and after-school activities, continue.

He noted that Education Minister Yitzhak Levy himself had said the same thing earlier this year, "and we demand he keep his word."

Negotiations between the teachers and the Finance Ministry this week have so far failed to produce a solution.

Lachman said the Knesset Education Committee would meet on this and other problems threatening the school year on Monday, just one day before classes are scheduled to open.

In outlining costs parents of children in the "free" education system will have to bear this year, Lachman noted that the ministry, under pressure from the organization, agreed to cancel payment for work materials and technology kits in special education classes and in those where there will be a long school day, a total of NIS 30 million parents will not have to pay.

Association officials also warned parents to report any cases of principals demanding money to register their children for school and non-mandatory payments being turned into mandatory payments by principals.

Court postpones hearing on joint health-fund clinics

By JUDY SIEGEL

The Anti-trust Court in Jerusalem yesterday postponed to September 9 a hearing of a request by the four public health funds to open joint emergency clinics if they can no longer provide their members with all services separately.

In the meantime, Michal Abadi-Boyanjo, a Health Ministry deputy director-general in charge of the health funds, called on each of the insurers to present her by Monday with details of its "emergency plan," including which services it wants to shut down.

After studying the plan, Abadi-Boyanjo will invite the director of each health fund to a separate discussion. She said that while the insurers have to carry out efficiency measures, the ministry must prevent harm to the public health.

The directors of the health funds – Dr. Yitzhak Peterburg of Clalit, Shabtai Shavit of Maccabi, Uzi Salant of Meuhedet and Dr. Shmuel Rosenman of Leumit – expressed their "satisfaction" with the decision of the court to hold a hearing and not reject their request outright.

They demanded that the Treasury unconditionally transfer the NIS 700 million they said the government owes them in health taxes and other payments.

Meanwhile, in a special session of the Knesset Finance Committee devoted to the health fund financing crisis and called by MK Haim Oron, the Meretz MK accused the Finance Ministry of failing to keep its part of the bargain in subsidizing health care.

"It knows how to demand the patients' money very vigorously but not to carry out its part of the deal," Oron said. "The Treasury has used the NIS 700m. to pressure the health funds to sign documents that revoke their justified demands and to set limitations on their expenses without their income sources being defined.

"In a week that the government transfers millions of shekels to the settlements, it refuses to give vital money to save the health system," Oron said. "Health Ministry officials say the crisis is more serious than it was even a few months ago, and the Treasury continues to strangle the health funds."

The Treasury spokesman refused to comment.

Mental patient suspected of rape

By JUDY SIEGEL

The Haifa Magistrates' Court yesterday issued a 24-hour arrest order for a 37-year-old mental patient suspected of raping a woman patient at the same psychiatric institution, the government's Tirat Hacarmel Hospital.

A police representative said the suspect entered a different wing and attacked the woman sexually while others passed by in the corridor. The representative said the man was suspected of a serious crime: taking advantage of a helpless woman.

It was the second rape complaint by the same 46-year-old woman patient. There were also two other previous complaints about rape in the hospital over the last six weeks.

The Health Ministry spokesman said that after the latest incident a nurse entered the room when the alleged rapist and the victim "were still dressed. In a gynecological examination, there were no signs of a sexual encounter."

However, a complaint was filed with the police, the ministry said, "even though the woman's words cannot be accepted automatically as truth. The matter is still being investigated by the police."

The spokesman added that Tirat Hacarmel patients include those who live quite independently in open wards.

Polish chief rabbi slams Auschwitz cross idea

WARSAW (AP) – Poland's chief rabbi said yesterday that any number of crosses – one or 1,000 – near the Auschwitz death camp harmed the memory of Jewish victims.

Rabbi Pinchas Menachem Joskowicz was reacting to Tuesday's statement by Polish bishops who called for a tall papal cross by the camp to remain in place, but for other smaller crosses recently put there to be removed.

Defying the bishops' call for people to stop planting crosses at the site, Catholic activists put up two more crosses yesterday.

More than 100 crosses have gone up in a field bordering Auschwitz in recent weeks to protest Jewish demands to remove the larger cross, which has stood on the site for almost a decade.

Ministry probes 'natural Viagra' claims

By JUDY SIEGEL

The Health Ministry is to decide today what action to take against a naturopath who presented himself on Israel Radio this week as a doctor and described a "sexually arousing" food product he developed that he said is "the natural equivalent of Viagra" for relieving impotence.

Haim Barak was presented as "Dr. Haim Barak, who is active in natural medicine."

In fact, *The Jerusalem Post* – which raised the matter before ministry officials – learned that he is not a medical doctor, but claims to be a Ph.D. graduate in behavioral sciences of the Israeli branch of a small California college called the University of Newport. He did his doctorate on "nutrition of the elderly."

The food product, sold for NIS 160 per bottle in pharmacies and natural food stores, is composed of vodka (48% of it), plus a variety of herbs and spices, such as anise, caraway seeds, cardamom, cinnamon, saffron, Brazil nuts, ginko, almonds, ginseng and juniper.

Raya Boyarsky, the official of the ministry's Food Service Division responsible for investigating illegal medicinal claims for food, said that the herbs and spices could be marketed in up to 2% alcohol as a beverage, but not with a greater concentration of alcohol.

In any case, it is forbidden to promote a food product as having medicinal benefits, she declared.

Health Ministry legal adviser Mira Heubner said after reading the text of the interview that Barak's presenting himself as a doctor and discussing medical conditions was "misleading" and that on the basis of that, the ministry could file a police complaint against him.

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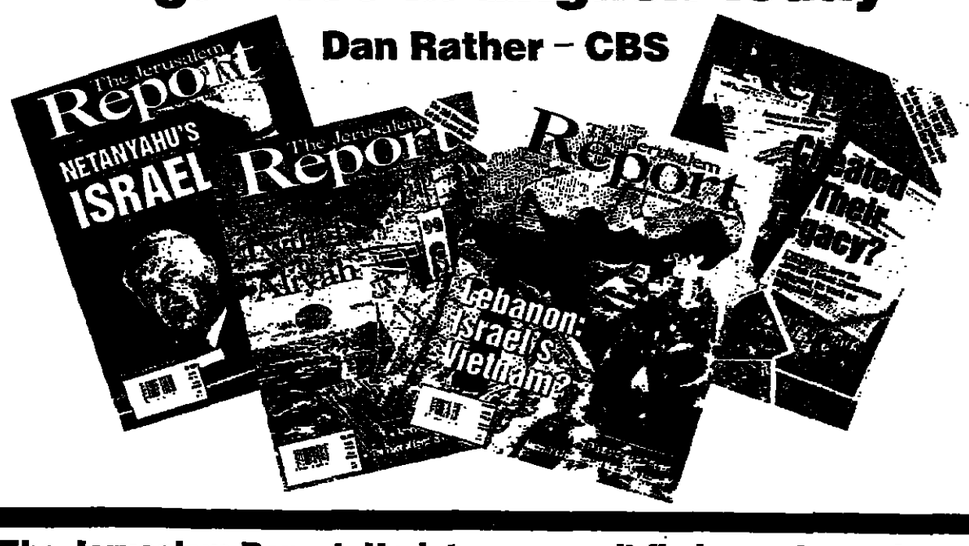

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Pact on Holocaust compensation comes under fire

Burg faults World Jewish Congress for 'giving up' in talks with insurers

By GREER FAY CASHMAN and Agencies

Jewish Agency chairman Avraham Burg yesterday sharply criticized the World Jewish Congress for not winning enough concessions from European insurance companies in an agreement to pay off Nazi-era policies to heirs of Holocaust victims.

The memorandum of understanding – negotiated by the World Jewish Congress, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and the insurance companies – establishes an international panel to determine the companies' liability and oversee payments, said North Dakota insurance commissioner Glenn Pomeroy, head of the negotiation team.

Burg, who co-chairs the World Jewish Restitution Organization, said he would continue to support pending class-action lawsuits against the companies.

The agreement "constitutes giving up at a low price. It did not take into consideration how it would affect the families," Burg said.

Leading European insurers said yesterday that the agreement would be the fastest way to compensate war victims and their families.

But the companies and Jewish leaders warned that it could take years before any payments were made.

Meanwhile, Likud MK Avraham Herschson, who chairs the Knesset Committee for the Restoration of Jewish Property, called on European countries to expose organizations and individuals whose assets include property seized from Jews during the Holocaust.

Herschson is participating in discussions in New York today during which twelve international insurance experts will determine the final sums to be deposited by various European insurance companies in a humanitarian fund which will make restitution payments to Holocaust survivors.

Other than actual claimants, Herschson believes that elderly Holocaust survivors are more entitled than anyone else to receive payments from the fund, but is fearful that time is against them. For that reason he is urging that the process of policy examination be completed as quickly as possible.

In Frankfurt, Christopher Worthley, a spokesman for Allianz, a German company that is Europe's largest insurer, praised Tuesday's pact. "We have a process that is solid and fair and will primarily provide assistance needed for Holocaust victims and their families," he said.

The agreement was signed by Allianz, France's AXA, which controls the German AXA Colonia group, Switzerland's Winterthur and Baloise Holding.

It follows an agreement on August 12 by two major Swiss banks to pay a $1.25 billion settlement with Jewish groups and attorneys for tens of thousands of class-action plaintiffs on unreturned assets of Holocaust victims.

It also comes after an earlier agreement this month by Zurich Insurance Co. and the Italian insurance company Assicurazioni Generali SpA, which said it would contribute $100 million to settle Holocaust-era insurance claims.

Survivors and their families last year filed suit in New York federal court against 16 European insurers, alleging the companies withheld, concealed or converted the cash value and proceeds of policies sold before 1946.

At the heart of the matter was a reluctance by European insurers to pay out policies bought by Jewish Holocaust victims because survivors could not produce death certificates.

"This [agreement] is a major step for justice and moral restitution for the survivors," World Jewish Congress Executive Director Elan Steinberg said.

Ignatz Bubis, chairman of the Central Council of Jews in Germany called the agreement "an important step" but warned the problem would not be solved overnight.

"I think it will take one to two years to find out how legitimate people are going to get money from the insurance companies and what will happen to policies that have no heirs," Bubis said.

Torah scrolls at center of ceremony in Rabin's memory

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Despite the refusal of the Ministry of Religious Affairs to provide assistance, four Torah scrolls were to be dedicated in memory of Yitzhak Rabin at the Knesset Yitzhak Synagogue in Rehovot last night.

The Orthodox synagogue, founded after Rabin's assassination, and believed to be the only one in the country to be named after him, was consecrated a year ago. Its officers had been trying unsuccessfully to obtain Torah scrolls from the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

Correspondence and intervention with senior ministry personnel were of no avail. One ministry representative was quoted as having said that it does not give Torah scrolls to political institutions.

The four Torah scrolls now in possession of the congregation were made available at the discretion of four families who decided to lend them indefinitely to the congregation after a story on its need for Torah scrolls was published two months ago by *Ma'ariv*.

Amongst those expected to attend the ceremony were Leah and Yuval Rabin, Eitan Haber who was Rabin's bureau chief, Rehovot Chief Rabbi Simha HaCohen Kook, Meretz leader Yossi Sarid, National Religious Party MK Hanan Porat, Labor MK Haim Ramon and Rehovot mayor Ya'acov Sandler.

Goldin arrested for allegedly defrauding banks

By YOAV YITZHAK

Former investment adviser Arye Goldin was arrested last night by the Tel Aviv district fraud squad, on suspicion of defrauding two banks of NIS 30 million and forging documents, so as to obtain money by fraud.

Goldin is suspected of approaching Discount and Mizrahi banks, and obtaining from them letters of guarantee against monies and collateral he provided to secure the letters of guarantee, all with a view to defrauding the banks.

A short time later, Goldin forged the letters of guarantee, returning the original guarantee to the bank, thus facilitating the release of monies and security deposited, and continued to use the forged guarantees.

Goldin was apprehended at home. He was taken into custody for 24 hours, and questioned at the Tel Aviv District fraud unit throughout the day. He was due to be remanded last night.

In the past, Goldin served a lengthy prison sentence for embezzling tens of millions of dollars belonging to Clal Investments and its customers.

In the early Eighties, Goldin was the "wonder boy" of the Clal concern. He managed Clal Investments, the concern's foreign currency investment arm. In August 1990 it transpired that Goldin had been defrauding the company and its customers. Goldin fled to England, but was apprehended and extradited in October 1991. He was charged with stealing over NIS 20 million from the customers of Clal Investments.

In September 1993, Goldin was convicted by the Tel Aviv District Court and sentenced to six-and-a-half years in prison. The Supreme Court later stiffened the sentence to eight years.

Goldin was released last year, but could not find any niche in the local foreign currency market. (Globes)

Amos Mar-Haim in Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday, where he was fined NIS 1 million for tax evasion and sentenced to six months community service. (Flash 90)

Mar-Haim fined NIS 1 million

Businessman and Jerusalem city councilman Amos Mar-Haim, convicted earlier this month of tax evasion, was fined NIS 1 million yesterday by the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court.

He was also sentenced to six months' community service and a three-month suspended sentence.

Mar-Haim, a former deputy mayor who is on the board of several large corporations, had reached a plea agreement with the prosecution in which he admitted to concealing some NIS 2m. in income and evading NIS 382,000 worth of taxes.

Mar-Haim, who had paid back all the money he owed, with interest, had asked that he be fined NIS 500,000, while the state requested a NIS 1.2m. fine.

Although the judge ended up imposing a much higher fine than he'd requested, Mar-Haim said yesterday he did not regret the plea bargain, saying he had pleaded guilty to avoid a lengthy trial. (Itim)

NEWS in brief

Groom dies during raised-chair dance

A groom had a fatal heart attack on his wedding night while he and his bride were being carried around the room on raised chairs. Two doctors who were apparently guests at the wedding Saturday night in New Jersey administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation, but Gregg Kaplan, 36, died later on the way to the hospital. *AP*

Jerusalem elevator falls half a floor

Three people were lightly injured yesterday when an elevator in the City Tower building in the center of Jerusalem suddenly dropped half a floor from the entrance level yesterday, police reported. Four people were trapped in the elevator and rescued by Magen David workers. *Amy Klein*

MKs begin investigation into Maccabiah disaster

Over a year after the Maccabiah bridge disaster, a special Knesset sub-committee established to investigate the matter met yesterday for the first time. They will submit a final report on 28 April 1999.

MK Micha Goldman, Director-General of the Knesset Interior Committee, is heading the the sub-committee, and MKs David Tal and Eliezer Zandberg will serve as deputy chairmen.

The committee will investigate the behavior of the state and organizations involved with the Maccabiah before and after the tragedy, and weigh whether Israel and the Jewish Agency should continue to fund the Maccabiah. *Amy Klein*

Youngster from Boston wins science competition

Jeremy Meadow of Boston won first prize in the Olympiyeda international science competition for youth, held in Jerusalem on Tuesday night.

He received a NIS 7,500 prize, while Shahar Abin of Holon took the NIS 4,000 second prize and Nir Dreiman of Ra'anana was awarded the third prize, worth NIS 2,000. Each of the five other teenage finalists from Israel and the US received NIS 750.

The competition was organized by the Recanati National Science Museum in Haifa, with help from the Science and Education ministries, the Jewish Agency, the Haifa Municipality, the Weizmann Institute for Science, the Doro Foundation and the Israel Electric Corporation. *Judy Siegel*

Wakf officials bar tourists from Temple Mount

The Wakf yesterday barred tourists from the Temple Mount to protest what they said was Israeli police brutality against Moslem worshipers and guards. Adnan Husseini, Palestinian director of the Wakf, said authorities would not allow tourists to enter the compound for three days.

Wakf officials and Israeli border policemen faced off on Tuesday when two Palestinians were arrested near the entrance to the Temple Mount because they refused an ID card check.

A spokeswoman for the Israeli Police said the Wakf's decision to seal off the site to tourists was a violation of the status quo over administration of religious shrines. *Reuters*

Boy dies after being hit by truck

A six-year-old boy died yesterday a few hours after he and his mother were hit by a truck close to the A-Ram checkpoint near Jerusalem.

Karmel Abu Sneina, from A-Ram, was running across the road with his mother when they were hit by a delivery truck driving from Jerusalem towards Ramallah. The boy was seriously injured and died a few hours later. His mother was treated at a hospital and released.

Police arrested the driver, a 27-year-old man from Tira, and are investigating the accident. *Amy Klein*

Parents oppose moving special ed school

Dozens of parents demonstrated last night outside a Jerusalem special education school yesterday to protest the municipality's decision to evict the school from its current building in the city's Talpiot neighborhood. The municipality wants Yeshivat Bnei Hayil, a four-year-old junior high and high school for boys with Attention Deficit Disorder and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder to move down the block into the Tidhar school for children with Downs' syndrome

Parents complained that the municipality was discriminating against the special needs of their children, because the new school has no yard - a requirement for hyperactive children who need many play breaks throughout the day. *Amy Klein*

One killed as car crashes into tree

One person was killed and two others injured during a road accident yesterday morning between the Golani intersection and Afula. One of the injured was seriously hurt; the other lightly.

A preliminary check showed that a truck swerved for unknown reasons and crashed into a tree. *I tim*

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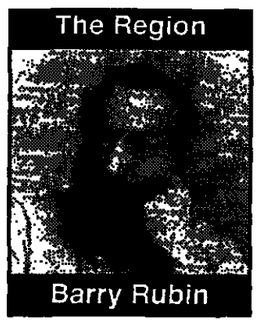
Saying the right thing

An Arab League meeting and many Arab newspapers have condemned the US bombing attack on Sudan. It's very important to consider what this kind of criticism means.

After all, such reactions take place frequently, on a wide variety of issues. The 1991 Kuwait crisis comes to mind when, in a debate with this writer, Madeleine Albright opposed using force against Iraq out of fear of a negative Arab reaction.

Such statements often lead Western leaders, experts and journalists to conclusions that have a dangerous effect on policy decisions. For, taking these declarations at face value, it is logical to conclude that US or Western attacks, sanctions or even criticism of any Arab regime will trigger reprisals from other Arab states.



This analysis is wrong for several reasons, though it flourishes after decades of misprediction.

Sure, there's a strong, sincere sense of Arab solidarity. Yet this sentiment either remains purely verbal, or is used as a tool by states and regimes.

First, the Arab media does not necessarily reflect government policy even when the media are state-owned. Rather, expressing politically correct sentiments as they do, such writings act as a safety valve and a substitute for action. To shore up the government's base of support while neutralizing or co-opting domestic radical rivals, the people are assured that their rulers hold the right views.

Incidentally, anti-American demonstrations, like those after the US bombing in Sudan, which are cited as evidence of Arab opinion, are often quite small, and almost always organized by radicals who are already totally against the US.

Second, leaders often think quite differently from what they say publicly.

Moderate Arab governments know that they and their citizens are also victims of terrorism – often by the same perpetrators – if such violence goes undeterred.

To take two obvious examples: Is President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt really upset over the US's bombing attack on Sudan for helping terrorists? After all, Sudan seems to have aided an assassination attempt against Mubarak himself, and granted safe haven to several would-be killers.

And are the Saudis really angry over an attack on Osama bin Laden, a man who hates Americans so much because he claims they are blocking a radical revolution against the Saudi monarchy?

Third, each Arab factor understandably wants to make the confrontation with the US a tool for its own purposes. In the current case, the death of 240 African bystanders – many of them Moslems – means they cannot endorse the attack, so they say instead that if America wants to avoid future attacks, it should be nicer to them.

The Palestinian response is that anti-American attacks result from US support for Israel; it decries a double standard in punishing some evildoers while rewarding others.

Whatever justification there may be for criticizing the US's policy on Israeli-Palestinian talks, that has nothing to do with the attacks in Kenya and Tanzania. Many experts and journalists in Europe and America seem incapable of understanding this.

Fourth, Arab states fear that a US attack on any other Arab state (previous targets include Libya and Iraq) might be used to justify an attack on them by the US or others.

The secretary-general of the Palestinian Authority cabinet, Ahmed abd al-Rahman, called attacks like the one on Sudan "a serious precedent [that] ... might open the door to the return of the law of the jungle governing relations among countries."

Fifth, and especially annoying in this particular case, is the fact that the rescue effort in Nairobi was an Israeli public-relations success, and that the attack drew the US and Israel closer together.

The Palestinian press could not hide its deep frustration over this.

There were also the usual conspiracy theories, claiming that Israel had carried out these attacks. It would be reassuring were these articles just cynical propaganda; unfortunately, they reflect real beliefs as well.

Speaking of cynical propaganda, a small industry has developed in Israel to make partisan misuse of Palestinian statements by selecting the most extreme quotations and distorting others.

Unfortunately, the PA's official newspaper, *Al-Hayat al-Jadida* (read by few Palestinians), is genuinely, viciously strident. But on the issue of the US reprisal attack, Yasser Arafat came as close to endorsement as any Arab could ever do, so much so that other Palestinian officials had to backpedal a bit.

Nevertheless, an interview by Sufian Abu Zaida, head of the PA's Israel desk, was misleadingly distributed under headlines like "PA official calls Clinton a terrorist."

What Abu Zaida actually asked was whether the best response to the terror attack was one that killed more civilians. If bin Laden was a terrorist, Abu Zaida said, "So Clinton is also a terrorist who kills Afghan and Sudanese innocents. Is that the answer?!"

I don't agree with Abu Zaida's analysis, but clearly his goal was to suggest alternative methods, not to put all the blame on the US.

As PA minister and top Arafat advisor Nabil Sha'ath once remarked, the PA is well aware that because it does what Hamas and other extremist groups don't like, "they are willing to kill us, too."

The decade to be named later

By MARTIN MILLER

It's 2003. After three cataclysmic years of pestilence, earthquakes, hurricanes, fires, tsunamis and plagues of locusts, the planet is a horrible eyesore. But every dark cloud has its silver lining as two survivors, workers in a time-honored and expanding field, discover.

Man No. 1: These are boom times for the gravedigger.

Man No. 2: Sure beats being a desk jockey.

Man No. 1: In the 1990s we'd have been unemployed, but here in the ... the, uh ... the, this particular decade, we've got it made.

From a '90s vantage point, you can easily see the problem. For that matter, you can see the trouble just as well from an '80s, '70s or '60s perspective.

What exactly is the term for the first decade of the next millennium?

"Well, there doesn't appear to be any such name for it," says Ruth Freitag, of the Library of Congress, who has compiled a massive bibliography of millennium publications. "And I've seen manuscripts dealing with the millennium dating back to the 17th century."

The vocabulary void exists for entirely comprehensible reasons that have nothing to do with a government conspiracy or bug-eyed aliens.

Until the mid-1950s, the notion of dividing time into neat, 10-year blocks seemed absurdly arbitrary. Major events such as Reconstruction, the Gilded Age, World War II and so on either fell well short of filling out their decades or ran on far past them.

Of course, there were the Roaring '20s, so named for America's freewheeling attitudes toward booze, jazz and the stock market.

The decade, however, didn't obtain its "roar" until decades later, when historians wanted to highlight its stark contrast with the '30s, best known in retrospect for the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl.

BUT BY the mid- to late '50s, the rapid changes of modern life overtook the nation's ability fully to understand them as they happened. During this time, the once-agrarian nation witnessed, among other things, the dawn of rock 'n' roll, the Space Age and the civil-rights movement.

Bringing them all home as quickly as they occurred was the brand-new and incredibly powerful medium of television. As Americans watched these vivid images unfold on their small screens, there arose a growing need to make sense of the noise and chaos, say cultural historians. One way was to break up the fearful blur of years into manageable chapters.

"If you're afraid of the future, naming it gives you symbolic control over it," says Stephen O'Leary, a millennial scholar at the University of Southern California. "It's really all about control."

Subsequent decades unleashed their own torrent of technological, social and political transformations, and further fueled a demand for order. The acceleration of change too led to an explosive growth in the media, which painstakingly document in words and images the ordinary to the extraordinary. The end result fostered a hyper-self-awareness, cultural historians say.

"In the old days, we named the decades after the fact. Then, we started naming the decades as we lived them," says O'Leary. "Now, we have to anticipate the experience by naming them before they even get here."

DESPITE the pressures, the English language is still without a word for the next decade. (It's also without one for the decade beginning in 2011. Calling them the teens leaves out the first couple of years.) Not surprisingly, the past is of little help.

"A name will crop up," maintains Fred Fogo, a professor of American popular culture at Westminster College in Utah, who has written several books about popular culture. "We're talking about it already."

Like the decades of the late 20th century, a nickname for the next decade probably will stem from a character trait of its time – whether real or perceived. Will it be selfish enough to be another Me Decade such as the '70s? Or as greedy as the '80s? Or as full of bull (the stock market, the NBA, the White House) as the '90s?

While far from a consensus, some millennium watchers predict a potentially surprising trend for a time period soothsayers will be consumed by disaster and catastrophe. These observers predict it could be a time of hope.

"Once we get past the millennial year, a lot of fear is going to be alleviated," O'Leary says. "The cycle of cynicism that's dominated for so many years could fade away and it could be replaced by a new wave of idealism."

Naturally, others hardly believe the next decade will be remembered as the Idealistic '00s. While concurring that this decade in America has been one of unparalleled disillusionment, Virginia Tech professor Marshall Fishwick, who is tabulating a pop-culture scoreboard for the century, believes the next one may be worse.

"I think we are in for some rude shocks," he says.

(Los Angeles Times)

Drought turns into deluge in Texas

Relentless rainfall has flooded parts of Texas, capping a devastating drought

By PAUL DUGGAN

AUSTIN, Texas – After a devastating summer-long drought, rain returned to south and central Texas with a vengeance, flooding a small city on the Rio Grande and killing at least 15 people, authorities said Monday.

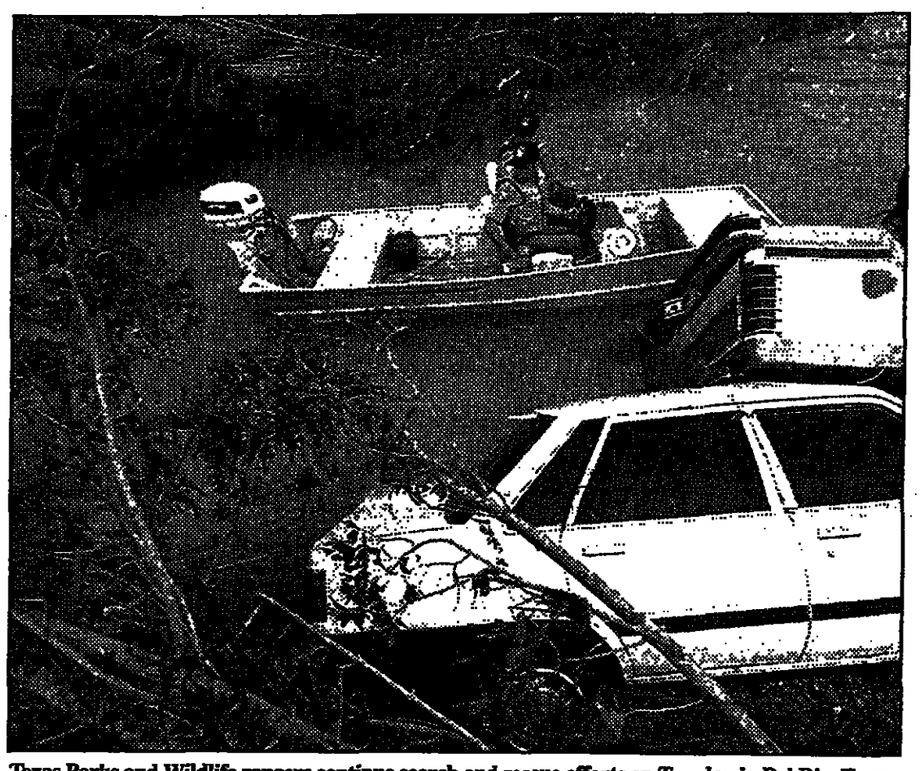
Dozens of other people remained missing around Del Rio, the flooded city on the Mexican border 480 kilometers upstream from the Gulf of Mexico, as the stalled remnants of Tropical Storm Charley inundated heretofore parched communities on both sides of the Rio Grande.

"It's sort of good news, bad news," Tela Mange, a spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Public Safety, said. After weeks of unrelenting dry heat that cost the Texas agriculture industry hundreds of millions of dollars, she said, "the water's finally coming. But there's way too much of it."

What was left of Tropical Storm Charley swept ashore from the Gulf of Mexico into Texas and northern Mexico early Saturday, then lost momentum inland near Del Rio, where most of the flooding was centered. Authorities said entire neighborhoods in that city of 35,000 lay underwater. They reported a confirmed death toll of seven, which was expected to rise, perhaps considerably.

"It's not the (Rio Grande) that's causing it," said Patty Manche, a spokeswoman for the US Border Patrol in Del Rio. "What's happening is, we have a lot of little creeks and the water has been rising unbelievably. We've had at least 20 inches [50 centimeters] of rain in a day or two and the water has no place to go."

As rain continued falling, she said, eight helicopters and hundreds of rescuers were searching for missing people. "It's almost impossible to say" how many are unaccounted for, she said. "Dozens and dozens. We don't want to speculate on a number." The National Weather Service said the storm, which was downgraded to a tropical depression after it rolled ashore, had been expected to continue drifting westward. But it slowed halfway across the Mexican peninsula, with devastating results in and around Del Rio, about 224 kilometers west of San Antonio.



Texas Parks and Wildlife rangers continue search and rescue efforts on Tuesday in Del Rio, Texas, where flooding forced residents to flee their homes. (AP)

In a city where 7 centimeters of rain had fallen this month, nearly 30 centimeters poured down on Sunday alone. Suddenly Del Rio, which had been sun-baked for weeks, more than doubled its August rainfall record of 15 centimeters.

Manche said an undetermined number of residents were evacuated from their homes in the city and surrounding Val Verde County. "We're probably getting into the thousands and thousands by now," she said.

Four emergency shelters were set up, but one was shut down hastily because of rising flood water.

Gov. George W. Bush (R) ordered 150 National Guard troops, 25 trucks and eight Blackhawk helicopters to aid the rescue effort in and around Del Rio, according to his deputy press secretary, Linda Edwards. She said the governor may mobilize additional assistance after the devastation has been further assessed.

Mange, the public safety spokeswoman, said rain continued to fall at a rate of 10 to 20 centimeters an hour.

Besides the seven confirmed dead in Del Rio, authorities said, a 65-year-old man died of a heart attack Sunday while being evacuated from his home along the Frio River. Across the Rio Grande from Del Rio, according to the Mexican news agency Notimex, three people died in Ciudad Acuna while trying to cross a flooded gully using a rope.

More than 160 kilometers to the north, in Texas's Real County, four Mexican nationals, including two toddlers, died early Sunday when a pickup truck they were riding in was swept away by rising water, Mange said.

She said 18 people were piled in the truck before it tried to ford a creek crossing where the water had swollen four feet above normal.

Seven adults "were wise enough" to get out before the truck entered the water, Mange said. Seven others climbed out and made it to land as the truck was being swept away.

Four people, all in the truck's cab, disappeared. One was a boy, age 2, Mange said; the other was a 3-year-old girl. They were believed to be brother and sister.

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Additional Preliminary Requirements: Participation in the Tender Process is subject to the Offeror's satisfying All Preliminary Requirements as detailed in the Mandatory Tender Regulations (1993), Clause 6 (a), (1), (2) and (3).

Proposal Documents: Tender Documents may be purchased until the Proposal Submission Date for the non-refundable amount of Thirteen thousand New Israeli Shekels (13,000 NIS), including VAT.

Tender Documents are available from the Project Management Firm (PMF) Project Office located at Ben Gurion International Airport starting August 27, 1998 between the hours of 09:00 and 12:00, business days (Sunday through Thursday). Interested Offerors must contact the PMF Contracts Administrator, Mr. Zvi Peretz Cohen at telephone number: 972-3-977-4456 (fax: 972-3-971-2956) a minimum of forty eight (48) hours in advance to arrange Site access. Interested parties may preview the Tender Documents prior to their purchase.

All qualifying Proposals shall be delivered in sealed envelopes/packages, no later than 10:00 hours local time on or before October 13, 1998 to the appropriate tender box located in the Archive of the Airports Authority, Main Office, 2nd Floor, Room 113, Ben Gurion International Airport, Israel.

A Pre-Proposal conference will be held at the Ben Gurion 2000 Project site Offices on September 14, 1998 at 14:00 to clarify provisions in the RFP documents, to summarize and present the Project and to respond to written questions posed by Offerors. Offerors are strongly encouraged to attend, but participation is not mandatory. Site access must be arranged in advance as stated in the RFP.

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China: Summer flooding kills 3,000

By CHARLES HUTZLER

BEIJING (AP) — With the Yangtze River roaring toward key industrial centers and rich farmland, the government announced yesterday that a summer of devastating floods has killed 3,004 people.

The announcement sharply revises the government's last official death toll of 2,000, released nearly three weeks ago.

Vice Premier Wen Jiabao told the national legislature that as of Saturday, 1,320 of the 3,004 deaths nationwide took place along the Yangtze.

Some areas along the river – China's longest – have been inundated for 60 days or more, and soggy dikes are now perilously weakened.

In a report carried by the state-run Xinhua News Agency, Wen said nationwide five million houses have been destroyed and 21 million hectares of land swamped. Economic losses have surpassed 166.6 billion yuan ($20.2 billion).

Nationwide more than 233 million people — a fifth of the population — have been affected to varying degrees by the flooding, Wen told the standing committee of the National People's Congress.

Even before announcing the higher casualty count, China described the flooding as the worst in 44 years on the Yangtze and in decades in the northeast.

Under a "do-or-die" order from President Jiang Zemin, 178,000 soldiers and police guarded shaky dikes yesterday to battle the Yangtze's seventh flood crest this summer, state media reported.

Soldiers, flashlights in hand, combed levees overnight looking for cracks opened by 60 days or more of record high waters. Near Yueyang, a city of five million, surging waters undermined dikes, collapsing their earthen walls, the state-run Xinhua News Agency reported.

The flood peak moved through Shashi city and began swelling waters 180 kilometers downstream in Yueyang.

Jiang demanded particular vigilance near Honghu Lake. Its dikes were the weakest on the whole river, and a collapse would threaten the lives and property of eight million people living on the rich flood plain near the industrial city of Wuhan, the *People's Daily* reported.

China Central Television showed soldiers patrolling the dikes during the night, while others slept on mats nearby. Piles of sandbags stood nearby to plug leaks.Near Yueyang, just upstream from Honghu, soldiers and farmers poured stones and gravel into the breached dike. An additional 2,000 tons of stones and dirt and 500,000 sacks were shipped into the area just in case, Xinhua said.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair talks with Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, following their meeting at Ashford Castle in Cong, Ireland. (AP)

Blair, Ahern optimistic on peace process

CONG, Ireland (Reuters) – The prime ministers of Britain and Ireland said yesterday they were confident that the Northern Ireland peace process could make progress despite the Omagh bomb 11 days ago.

Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern were speaking after two hours of discussions at a castle in the western Ireland village of Cong on tough new security laws their countries are to introduce.

The measures are aimed largely at the Real IRA, which has claimed responsibility for the bomb that killed 28 people and wounded more than 200 others – the biggest toll in any incident in Northern Ireland's three decades of bloodshed.

Blair and Ahern told reporters they were confident the conditions could be created to keep the deeply divided parties in the province working together when its new power-sharing assembly reconvenes next month.

"I believe that anybody who has been in Northern Ireland in the past few days can feel the almost tangible sense of urgency which there is across all parts of the community that we cannot allow this process now to founder," Blair said.

"I remain, and have been right the way through, optimistic."

Ahern urged the Real IRA, which has been condemned even by fellow republicans in Sinn Fein, the political allies of the Irish Republican Army, to call a permanent cease-fire.

"I hope that we will shortly hear from them that there will be a complete cessation of all their evil acts," he said.

He said he believed media reports that members of the organization met Tuesday to discuss their strategy were correct.

Both Blair and Ahern have recalled their parliaments for next week to ask them to push through tough new security laws in the wake of the Omagh bombing.

Blair went to Omagh on Tuesday to announce that he planned to make it possible to secure the conviction of someone for belonging to an outlawed Northern Irish organization on the word of a senior police officer.

The refusal of a suspect to answer questions would also be regarded by the courts as an indication of guilt.

Martin McGuinness, chief negotiator of the parent republican group Sinn Fein, compared the new measures to the controversial "internment without trial" policy which Britain operated in Northern Ireland in the 1970s.

"Many people will see today's announcement as an attempt by the British government to introduce internment under another guise, and I think that is a big mistake," he said late Tuesday.

But Blair yesterday defended the security measures, saying they were targeted carefully at "this recalcitrant rump of extremists that want to wreck the process."

He said he and Ahern had talked to the residents of Omagh, where "even amidst this terrible act of evil...people do want us...to carry on trying and pushing for peace."

Blair and Ahern also discussed how to manage the setting up of an executive in the new Northern Ireland assembly in the light of the reluctance of its pro-British First Minister David Trimble to work directly with Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams.

Many pro-British politicians in the assembly have insisted the IRA, which called a cease-fire last July, must first say its "war" against British rule is over for good and hand in its weapons.

The issue of weapons "decommissioning" has often stalled progress in the tortuous history of stop-start peace moves in Northern Ireland.

German poll: 52% say too many foreigners

HAMBURG (AP) – Half of Germans said in a poll released yesterday that there are too many foreigners in Germany, and 10 percent said they could see themselves voting for a far-right party.

The Forsa poll, conducted for *Die Woche* newspaper, found far-right sympathy strongest among Germans under 30 at 13%. The difference between east and west was slight – 10% in western Germany and 11% in the east.

The poll found 52% of Germans felt there were too many foreigners in Germany; among those supporting the far-right the figure was 84%.

The weekly poll of 1,006 eligible voters gave no margin of error.

Campaigning mainly on anti-foreigner slogans, far-right parties have been gaining support, especially in economically struggling eastern Germany.

The German People's Union won almost 13% of the vote in state elections in Saxony-Anhalt in April. Its strongest support came from men 18 to 25, one in three of whom voted far-right.

Gum arabic users dispute bin Laden link

By LAURENCE ARNOLD

WASHINGTON (AP) – For more than a year, legislators and lobbyists have fought to protect a tree product widely used by US candy, cosmetics and medical industries from the effects of economic sanctions imposed on Sudan.

Now, as information emerges about accused terrorist leader Osama bin Laden, supporters and users of the tree product called gum arabic confront a painful question: In advocating for an obscure but extremely useful import, do they inadvertently help the man being portrayed as America's No. 1 enemy?

Industry officials and legislators scrambled this week to respond to press reports Monday that bin Laden, whose fortune is estimated at more than $200 million, has a big interest in Sudan's gum arabic industry.

Rep. Bob Menendez, a New Jersey Democrat who has pursued exemptions from import prohibitions for two companies in his district, said this week he would withdraw his support if he sees proof of a bin Laden link.

Sudan produces 70 - 90% percent of the world's gum arabic, a sap from the acacia tree. Working as an emulsifier, gum arabic helps prevent fruit particles in soft drinks from falling to the bottom, seals the inner portion of candies and maintains consistency in shampoo.

A two-year-old State Department "fact sheet" says bin Laden held a "near monopoly" over gum, corn, sunflower and sesame products in Sudan through companies he controlled, according to Kenneth Katzman, a senior analyst and terrorism expert at the Congressional Research Service.

But industry representatives strongly dispute any bin Laden link. And a State Department official said there is "no indication" of a connection between bin Laden and Gum Arabic Co., the Sudanese company that controls exports of gum arabic.

Still, suspicions remain.

"Bin Laden has a foot in virtually everything that is profitable and not so profitable in Sudan," said Yossef Bodansky, director of the House Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare. But he works through such a thick web of companies, "it's really difficult to pinpoint" precisely what interest he has in what business.

Reno orders limited review of Martin Luther King killing

By MICHAEL J. SMIFFEN

WASHINGTON (AP) – Attorney-General Janet Reno today ordered a limited Justice Department review of the 30-year-old assassination of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

"We hope this review will provide answers to new questions that have been raised about a tragedy that still haunts our nation," Reno said in a brief written announcement. She promised a report on the findings.

"The evidence gathered by the inquiry will be followed wherever it may lead," the Justice Department announcement said.

But it cautioned that, even if proved true, some allegations may not be prosecutable because federal statutes of limitations may have lapsed.

The review is more limited than the national commission sought by the King family, whose members have expressed doubts about the official version that James Earl Ray, acting alone, shot King on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel April 4, 1968.

A one-page announcement by the Justice Department said the review would examine some new allegations not covered by the previous federal inquiries that blamed the assassination on Ray.

The allegations to be reviewed include those by former Memphis bar owner Lloyd Jowers and former FBI agent Donald Wilson, both of whom suggested there may have been a conspiracy involving people besides Ray.

In March, after 30 years of silence, Wilson said that after the assassination, he took papers from Ray's car that support claims of a conspiracy.

Wilson, who worked in the FBI's Atlanta office in 1968, claimed to have found an envelope containing two pieces of paper with the name "Raul" written on them.

Ray died in prison this year serving a sentence for killing King, but he had long ago disavowed his initial confession and spent years futilely seeking a new trial.

Ray contended he was set up by a shadowy gunrunner named Raoul, a man whose existence has never been verified. The FBI discounted Wilson's story.

Reno acted after extensive consultations with the King family. She said she wanted to be sure they had an opportunity to offer any suggestions for improving her plan.

King's widow, Coretta Scott King, and son Dexter had appealed directly to Reno and President Bill Clinton earlier this year for a national commission with power to grant immunity in return for truthful testimony about the assassination.

When word of the limited review first leaked earlier this summer, Mrs. King's other son, Martin Luther King III, gave an instant assessment.

Libya asks for more time to study Lockerbie trial offer

By NICOLE WINFIELD

UNITED NATIONS (AP) – Libya has asked the UN Security Council to delay any decision on a US-British proposal to try two suspects in the Pan Am bombing in the Netherlands until it can study the proposal further, according to a letter made public yesterday.

The letter, from the Libyan deputy ambassador, Ramadan A. Barg, was dated Tuesday and represented the first official reaction from Tripoli on the proposal.

"Libya is anxious to arrive at a settlement of this dispute and to turn over a new page in its relations with the states concerned," the letter said.

But it said Libya's judicial authorities need more time to study the proposal and requested international experts "more familiar with the laws of the states" help them.

Two Libyan suspects – Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah – are accused of planting a bomb aboard the flight, which exploded over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 270 people.

The US-British offer calls for the suspects to face a panel of three Scottish judges under Scottish law in the Netherlands. Before making the compromise, Britain and the US had insisted the trial be held on their territories.

Under the proposal, the suspects would not be extradited from the Netherlands. It also says that if found guilty, they would serve their sentences in the UK.

The Security Council on Tuesday considered a draft resolution sponsored by the United States and Britain to suspend UN sanctions on Libya when the suspects arrive in the Netherlands for trial.

The sanctions, imposed in 1992 to force Libya to surrender the suspects, ban air travel to and from the country, bar arms sales, freeze some assets abroad and limit sales of oil equipment.

The Libyan letter said UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan needed more time to provide Libya with assistance to bring the two to trial, which the US and Britain had requested.

As a result, Libya asks that "a decision on the draft resolution presented to the Security Council be postponed until Libya's judicial authorities have completed their study."

The draft resolution also insists that Libya satisfy a French investigation into the bombing of UTA Flight 772, which exploded over Niger on September 19, 1989, killing all 170 passengers and crew.

In January, France's top terrorism judge named six suspects – including Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi's brother-in-law – in the explosion.

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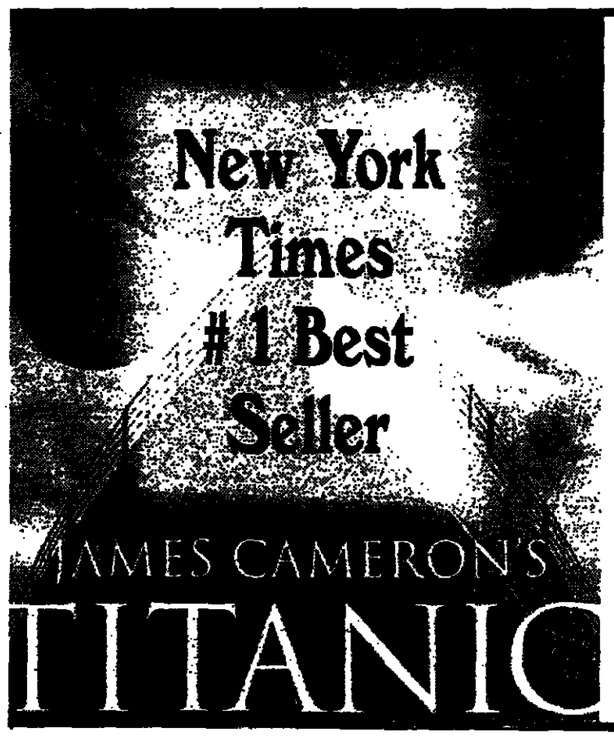

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In Boston, the 'Globe' is the story

By HOWARD KURTZ

BOSTON – In the fall of 1974, during the violent battles over school busing, a white assailant fired a barrage of bullets into the *Boston Globe*'s red-brick building here on Morrissey Boulevard.

Working-class Irish residents were furious at the paper's support for busing black kids into their neighborhoods, spawning bumper stickers that read: "Boycott the *Boston Globe*." In this racial maelstrom, there was one *Globe* man who was trusted on the gritty streets of South Boston, a young Irish columnist named Mike Barnicle, who wrote of his people: "To them, busing is a plot, concocted by 'the liberals' and the suburban hypocrites who preach equality from the front porch of gilded white neighborhoods and homes with lush green lawns and two-car garages."

Barnicle might have been – in a way he was – writing about all the *Globe* editors and reporters who lived far outside the city. But while outsiders saw a white institution backing the black community, insiders grappled with yet another layer of racial tension: Frustrated black reporters effectively went on strike until the *Globe* agreed to name two of them to the lily-white ranks of *management*.

Twenty-four years later, New England's dominant newspaper remains buffeted by the winds of racial and ethnic resentment, whether the furor surrounds a black man falsely accused of murder or an Irish politician accused of being a drunk. In the last eight weeks, a controversial black columnist (Patricia Smith) and an equally controversial white one (Barnicle) have been ousted on charges of fabrication or shoddy reporting. Each was a wrenching episode, clumsily handled, and each underscored the painful transition from the Old *Globe* to the new, multicultural paper trying to rise above the pitfalls of the past.

Last Thursday morning, a weary-looking Matthew Storin, the paper's editor, sat slumped in his chair, having just read that a black activist was demanding his resignation. Days earlier, one of Storin's Hispanic reporters had called the *Globe* "a racist institution." Suddenly, it seemed, everyone – black, Latino, Irish, Jewish, gay – had a beef with the *Boston Globe*.

Storin admits to feeling "terribly bruised and embarrassed." But, he says, "people who go before television cameras and say the *Globe* is racist must really get a few chuckles in the white community, which thinks the *Globe* bends over too far in support of the black community."

Still, the question hangs in the air: Why didn't he crack down on Barnicle – and Smith – earlier? "I have no excuse," Storin says.

Lost amid the polarizing headlines *is that the Globe remains one of the* country's best newspapers, one that has gotten better – and, even critics say, more balanced – during Storin's six-year tenure. But the colorful political writing, feisty investigative reporting and must-read Red Sox coverage have been overshadowed by the bitter battles over race and ethics.

"Boston is as tribal a city as you'll find in the United States, with all sorts of ethnic and feudal warlords," says Craig Unger, editor of *Boston Magazine*. "I don't think the *Globe* has juggled the various constituencies well at all. They've fallen prey to constituency politics."

Matt Storin and Mike Barnicle have known each other since the late 1960s, when Storin was a *Globe* reporter in Washington and Barnicle a Capitol elevator operator. They have never been friendly.

In the early '80s, when Storin was managing editor, he investigated one of Barnicle's columns. "I wanted to send a message to Mike that I would check something out if I got a complaint," he says.

When Storin was named editor in 1993, he made Patricia Smith, an accomplished poet and single mother, the first black woman to write a metro column for the *Globe*. Smith had had problems at the *Chicago Sun-Times*; she was once accused of reviewing an Elton John concert she hadn't attended. But here in Boston, a city where blacks hold little political power, Smith blossomed by writing frankly, often divisively, about race. The paper's ombudsman said *her columns often crackled with "an* angry assault on white America."

In 1995 she castigated Southie as a "neighborhood that spews venom at people of color who dare to live or shop within its boundaries." She got letters with drawings of her with enlarged lips and her neck in a noose.

In a column later that year Smith recounted a Sunday pay-phone call from one Ernie Keane of nearby Somerville. "I hear Clinton's gonna be in town, and I want youse to arrange that I sit down with him," he told her.

After a reader challenged the column, Walter Robinson, an assistant managing editor, conducted a database search and could find no Ernie Keane of Somerville. He examined all 90 of Smith's columns for 1995 and, incredibly, could not verify the existence of people described in 27 of them.

Storin sat Smith down at the round table in his corner office. "I told her there were people in her columns we couldn't find documentation for, and there were suspicions about that. That just can't be tolerated," he recalls.

Did he ask Smith if Ernie Keane was real? Storin pauses. "We did not confront her on that," he says. Instead, in giving her a second chance, the editor made an explicitly racial calculation.

"I thought we would have a racially divisive situation. I thought if Barnicle was guilty of the same thing, he'd be much more clever in covering it up and we'd have a hard time getting at it, so we'd better start from ground zero and document what they were both doing."

Barnicle was a tough-talking product of the Old *Globe*, the newspaper that Matt Storin was trying to drag into the '90s. But it's proving to be a long haul.

Alisa Valdes-Rodriguez is a young feature writer who was quoted by her own paper as calling the *Globe* a racist institution.

But her complaints are more nuanced than her broadside might suggest. She concedes that the paper makes efforts to hire minorities, but says many of them leave because they feel their prospects are limited.

"My college degree is in jazz performance, but I only get asked to do Latin music reviews and to review Latino books," Valdes-Rodriguez says. "My last name may be more important than my expertise. I'm a little broader of a human being than that.

I grew up in 'Brady Bunch' suburbia in Albuquerque." Her voice grows softer. "Maybe I met a quota for them.'

Howard Manly, a sportswriter who is black, also dismisses the talk of racism. He says Storin and the Taylors "have tried to do the right thing. They have made allowances for black folks, brown folks, gay folks to help them rise above, but that comes at a cost. The old-boy network feels these people haven't paid their

CLASS DIVISIONS also loom large here. In a meticulously reported front-page piece last year, the paper charged that former mayor Ray Flynn, then the US ambassador to the Vatican, sometimes drank to excess in public.

"We essentially had all been enablers for years," says Robinson, the assistant managing editor who wrote the story. "He drank with a lot of reporters. Everyone knew about it and no one wrote it." But, he adds, "there are people in this building who think we shouldn't have done it."

Flynn promptly accused the *Globe* of Catholic-bashing. "I stop at a pub to talk to working-class people over a beer. The publisher of the *Boston Globe* can go to a polo match, go to his country club or do whatever he wants," he said.

Storin took umbrage at the assault, noting that he is the product of "16 years of Catholic school." Still, he says, "this is New England. It's a class-conscious society here. Walk over to Harvard Square and the first 15 faculty you meet will tell you that the *Globe* is such a provincial rag. It's a very contentious community."

The Old *Globe* was a reflexively liberal Democratic newspaper, known for its cozy relationship with the Kennedys. Barnicle himself had once written speeches for Bobby Kennedy. Storin was determined that the New *Globe* erase that image.

Perhaps the clearest declaration of independence came when the *Globe* broke the story that Michael Kennedy, Bobby's son, had allegedly begun an affair with his family's babysitter when she was 14. The explosive report triggered a chain of events that led Michael's brother, Rep. Joe Kennedy, to drop out of the Massachusetts governor's race and announce his retirement from Congress.

"The *Globe* is a very liberal institution, but at the same time it is far less unfairly liberal than it was 10 or 15 years ago," says Globe columnist Jeff Jacoby, a former Republican campaign aide. "I see in the Storin era a real attempt to rectify the tilt that used to exist here." But Jacoby himself has run afoul of the *Globe* culture. Last fall he criticized Harvard activists who tried to block a discussion by a Christian group that believes homosexuality is sinful. The column brought complaints from two gay copy editors at the *Globe*.

The paper's ombudsman, Jack Thomas, who had assailed Jacoby for "homophobic" columns, called the latest piece "offensive." "The position I expressed in that column was far and away the mainstream view of the public," Jacoby says. "Within the halls of the *Boston Globe*, it is not at all the mainstream view."

The Globe may have reached a turning point with its 1994 expose of an extended Puerto Rican family that was milking the welfare system for about $1 million a year. The piece ended with the family's matriarch being asked about the burden on the taxpayers: "Just tell them to keep paying."

"It was seen as the sort of story the Globe wouldn't have run pre-Storin because it damaged efforts to preserve the welfare system," says Dan Kennedy of the weekly *Boston Phoenix*.

Conservatives have noticed the change. "There's a sense that they're less the Kenney cheering section than they used to be," says radio host David Brudnoy. "They're doing what they should be doing and not letting themselves be blandified, as so many other papers have. They go out on a limb."

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Back to school, and to basics

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE by Daniel Goleman. New York, Bantam. 352 pp. $23.95.

By Leslie Cohen

There is widespread informal recognition of the concept of emotional intelligence as one of the most basic ingredients in education. For those who wish to familiarize themselves with the research on emotional intelligence and its classroom applications, Daniel Goleman's book is clearly written and informative, reporting on dozens of authoritative studies and instances of practical application. Goleman deals with issues that are fundamental to teaching and teacher-education.

One chapter focuses on providing future teachers with adequate tools to create effective pupil-teacher relationships. In light of the recent and very alarming violence committed by schoolchildren, Goleman's work should have a great deal of significance for the education establishment.

Briefly defined, emotional intelligence is the ability to recognize and control one's emotions, and to recognize and react appropriately to the emotions of others. It is physiologically based in the brain, and separate from intellectual intelligence. Like intellectual intelligence, it is believed to be a product of evolution. Additionally – and most significantly – it can be taught and learned.

Goleman lists five basic characteristics of emotional intelligence: (1) Knowing one's emotions: self-awareness, or recognizing one's own feelings as they happen (i.e., the ability to interpret physiological cues). (2) Managing emotions: handling feelings in an appropriate way that is simultaneously positive towards the self and others. (3) Motivating oneself: emotional self-control (i.e., delaying gratification and stifling impulsiveness). (4) Recognizing emotions in others: the ability to empathize. (5) Handling relationships: interacting socially in a positive way.

These skills are so basic that they should, ideally, be acquired in early childhood, well before the individual enters a classroom. But, as we are unhappily aware, families do not automatically provide them. The rise of violent behavior among schoolchildren, many sociological studies report, is often due to inadequate socialization resulting from the proliferation of dysfunctional families. In addition, thousands of studies have shown a link between watching violence and being violent. Israeli children are particularly at risk, due to live news coverage of violence, as well as the variety of "action" (translate "violent") movies on television. Because of the rise of violence among school-age children (both in and out of school), Goleman believes that school has become the logical place to teach and cultivate emotional intelligence. He can "foresee a day when education will routinely include inculcating essential human competencies such as self-awareness, self-control, and empathy, and the arts of listening, resolving conflicts, and cooperation."

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How can teachers get from theory and research to practical – classroom – applications? Some answers suggest themselves while reading the studies. Goleman also provides several chapters on the implementation of emotional intelligence programs in ordinary schools. Fundamental to this is a change in our understanding of the nature of intelligence.

A great deal of recent research challenges the "IQ way of thinking." That intelligence – either intellectual or emotional – is inborn and/or fixed, is a credo no longer universally accepted. In contrast, there is increasing evidence that intelligence evolves throughout one's lifetime.

Moreover, intellectual and emotional intelligence often develop independently of each other. Nevertheless, young children who scored highest on the PONS (Profile of Nonverbal Sensitivity) test "did better in school, even though, on average, their IQs were not higher than those of children who were less skilled at reading nonverbal messages."

Several studies on mood and mental attitude have shown that optimism and hope were better predictors of academic success during the freshman year in college than either SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) scores or high-school grades.

All of this provides strong support for Harvard psychologist Howard Gardner's belief that "the single most important contribution education can make to a child's development is to help him toward a field where his talents best suit him, where he will be satisfied and competent."

Goleman's suggestions are based on research in several areas, including mental health, crime, and education. He presents profiles of teenagers at high risk of dropping out of school and developing eating disorders, alcohol and substance abuse, clinical depression, and violent behavior. He cites studies that favorably compare the role of emotional literacy training with the use of various medicines in producing long-lasting changes in behavior.

In the final chapter, "Schooling the Emotions," he offers specific educational models for "raising the level of social and emotional competence in children as a part of their regular education."

Of particular relevance are studies conducted in several schools in New Haven, Connecticut, a city which "has sunk into a pit of poverty, drugs, and violence." A "Self Science" class is offered in one junior high school, while fifth-grade children receive three lessons a week in social competence. The lessons are simple: connecting the name of an emotion with a specific feeling, and matching this with the facial expression that represents it. In another school, children are taught to mediate in schoolyard disputes among their classmates. Discipline and punishments are discussed in emotional literacy classes; students are trained to explain their feelings and listen to others, control their impulses, and resolve conflicts without coercion. Rather than pay the enormous cost of treating antisocial behavior, emotional literacy classes are presented as highly cost-effective preventive measures.

Looking at the five basic components of emotional intelligence, it is easy to design activities appropriate for the English lessons in Israeli classrooms. First and foremost, we can teach the English words for the emotions (such material already appears in a number of Israeli textbooks). Simple line drawings would be an excellent jumping-off point for a discussion on how to recognize feelings in others by noticing their facial expressions. Short dialogues emphasizing emotional reactions to situations are an obvious outgrowth of this kind of work. Discussions and/or debates on the appropriateness of particular emotional reactions are other activities easily adapted to the English lessons. Stories that offer positive solutions to social conflicts among children are an excellent resource.

Some of these materials are already available, perhaps even in abundance. What is necessary now is for a group of educators to organize them into a learning package that could be used as part of the English curriculum, or a variety of packages suitable for the various levels.

In any case, parents, teachers and teacher trainers should find it rewarding to approach classroom situations from the vantage point of developing emotional intelligence.

Talking about a family problem

"WHO IS A JEW?": Conversations, Not Conclusions by Meryl Hyman. Woodstock, Vermont, Jewish Lights Publishing. 222 pp. $23.95.

By Aaron Leibel

There is no issue that so inflames those American Jews who care about the future of Judaism and the relationship between the Diaspora and Israel – unfortunately, a very small, albeit vocal, minority of American Jewry – than the "Who is a Jew?" controversy. Appropriately, this book tries to tackle this problem; unhappily, it sheds little new light on the dispute.

Its author, Meryl Hyman, is herself a self-described victim of its complexities. Her father, a Jew, raised her and her sister as Jews, but her mother was an unconverted Christian. Hyman, therefore, is sure she is Jewish (by patrilineal descent), but many other Jews, who accept only matrilineal descent, refuse to recognize her as such.

Her Jewishly induced suffering drove her to travel to Israel, England and around the US, where she discussed the topic at length – too great length for my taste – with a variety of people. Rightly, most of her interlocutors are rabbis, of the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform persuasions. Then she branches out, talking to people with some knowledge of the issue, such as Avraham Burg, chairman of the Jewish Agency; Bobby Brown, adviser to Prime Minister Netanyahu on Diaspora affairs; and Zamira Segev, director of the Israeli Council for Freedom of Science, Religion and Culture. Surprisingly, she fails to interview any Knesset members.

Whether this is because she did not understand the issue's political significance or because she ran out of time for her Israeli interviews is not known.

She did, however, have time to interview an American Orthodox Jewish woman who got married in Israel and a tour guide (that's right, a tour guide) during her stay.

Then, she travels to England, a swell place to visit, but not of much relevance here. After all, as she points out, England's is a very small Jewish community, and it is overwhelmingly Orthodox.

Returning to America, she resumes interviewing rabbis but adds two strange interlocutors – an official of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the coordinator of Jewish ministries of the Southern Baptist Convention. (No, she apparently was not "even-handed" and failed to interview any Muslim clerics while in the Middle East. That's a shame. She might have enlivened her book by asking the mufti of Jerusalem or an Iranian cleric, "Who is a Jew?") In most instances, she asks the questions, and her interviewees rigidly defend their positions while bashing those with opposing views. Some extreme examples of that kind of rhetoric come from Rabbi Benjamin Segal, president of the (Israeli Conservative) Seminary of Jewish Studies, who said of the haredi community: "I mean, these [ultra-Orthodox] are the pits. They think they have a direct line to God. They are destroying the Jewish people. They are tearing us apart for no good reason.... And [the ultra-Orthodox] simply don't understand Jewish tradition, modernity or anything else." Not much of a basis for dialogue there.

Nor from the other side in the guise of Rabbi Avi Shafran, spokesman for Agudat Israel in the US. Shafran opposes a compromise like the Orthodox-Conservative-Reform group for converts proposed by the Ne'eman committee. There was such a group in the US which disbanded, but he opposes the concept "because it fosters an impression that is an extremely dangerous one. That is that the other movements – quasi movements – are legitimate expressions of Jewish tradition.... anything that could be perceived by anyone as a recognition of the validity of non-Orthodox movements will automatically be an impossible thing to accept."

Much of the book contains similarly inflexible, brain-anesthetizing rhetoric designed to depress anyone hoping for a resolution that will not divide the Jewish people. But if you are willing to dig your way through page after page of mindless polemic, you will be rewarded by a few gems – and a ray of hope.

Take, for example, Israeli Orthodox (but North American-born) Rabbi David Hartman. Hartman begins his analysis where everyone needs to if there is to be any hope for reconciliation: from a position of respect.

"I want their [Reform] voice to be heard," he told Hyman. "Reform has a major contribution to make to the people who are standing on the margins of Jewishness. [It can] provide a way of entry, a way of connecting. I think [that Reform is] deeply involved in the struggle to keep the Jewish people alive. Because of that, they are my brothers. They are members of the family. Members of the family have to be accepted – and then disagreed with as members of the family."

Hartman does not accept patrilineal descent, but does not want to drive away people like Hyman who were raised, and think of themselves, as Jews. He says she is part of the "Jewish family" but needs a "passport" in the form of a symbolic act of conversion. For that, he calls for "a unified world which accepts standards upon entry, [including] all groups that could at least serve as the starting point of a dialogue of the Jewish people."

How to face death, and life

TUESDAYS WITH MORRIE by Mitch Albom. New York, Doubleday. 192pp. $19.95.

By Morton I. Teicher

This poignant account of the death of Professor Morris Schwartz of Brandeis University touched me deeply. First, the cause of his death was Lou Gehrig's Disease, and I have a friend who is now dying of that dread disease. Albom's heart-rending account of Schwartz's growing frailty and increasing dependency heightened my sad awareness of what lies in store for my friend. Second, Schwartz and I were fellow students of sociology at City College during the Great Depression. We were not especially close and I did not see him after we graduated, but I vaguely recall having learned that he earned a doctorate at the University of Chicago and that he did some work at Chestnut Lodge, a mental institution near Washington, D.C.

Schwartz began teaching at Brandeis University in 1959. One of his students in the 1970s was Mitch Albom. They developed a warm relationship, with Schwartz encouraging Albom's desire to have a career in music after he graduated. However, he was not successful and, after a few years, he returned to school to study journalism. He eventually wound up as a sports columnist for the *Detroit Free Press*, earning several awards and becoming the host of radio shows on sports. He married and enjoyed his accomplishments, occasionally remembering his old professor at Brandeis but maintaining no contact with him.

In 1995, after Schwartz was told he was dying but continued to teach his classes, Ted Koppel interviewed him for *Nightline*. Albom happened to see the program and decided to visit Schwartz. For 14 Tuesdays, Albom flew from Detroit to Boston for "classes" with Schwartz. The book contains an account of each visit, interspersed with Albom's reminiscences about his student days when he really took classes with Schwartz.

In this "post-graduate course," Albom and Schwartz discussed many serious life and death issues. Schwartz had gone to synagogue regularly as a youngster to say kaddish for his mother. (Albom mistakenly writes that Schwartz went to say *yizkor* each morning.) As an adult, Schwartz became an agnostic with some interest in Buddhist philosophy. He remained culturally a Jew but religious beliefs played no significant role in the discussion of fundamental questions between Albom and Schwartz. They talked a good deal about death, but Schwartz found no answers in religion. He emphasized the importance of love and human relationships. The "lessons" he taught Albom represent his creed, and Albom has lovingly presented what he learned from his old professor.

The verbal interaction between Schwartz and Albom was supplemented by the physical assistance that Albom gave Schwartz as he became increasingly disabled. This hands-on association between student and teacher was particularly meaningful to both of them.

Tuesdays With Morrie is a moving narrative that provides a sensitive model of how to face death. It also offers some powerful lessons on how to face life.

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BOOK BYTES

Gutsy and twice-divorced, private investigator Kinsey Millhone was born out of Sue Grafton's own divorce and custody battles with her second husband.

It was back in 1982 when Grafton published the first alphabetic crime novels, *A Is for Alibi*. "I think certainly the whole issue of homicide was an easy way to funnel a lot of rage and a lot of frustration," says Grafton. "At that point I didn't know how to fight. Now I know how to fight and now I have the money to fight if anybody wants to take me on."

The daughter of a "genteel alcoholic" Louisville lawyer who also wrote detective novels, Grafton wrote two early (non-crime) fictions in the late '60s before becoming a Hollywood scriptwriter. But she hated the movie business, and has adamantly refused to sell her series to the film industry. Her 14 previous books are doing so well that her publishers, Holt, have announced a one-million copy first printing (the largest in the company's history) of her latest, *N Is for Noose*. Ten million copies of her books are currently in print in 26 languages.

Grafton has mellowed since the rage that fired her earlier books. She is now happily married to her third husband, has two grandchildren (one called Kinsey), and a stable, if quirky, home and working life. She's out of bed at 5:58 in the morning for her three-mile walk on the beach at Montecito, California. By nine, she's in her office. "I don't wear pantyhose and heels, but I treat this as a job and I wear makeup. I don't work in my pyjamas." The job ends around 2015 with *Z Is for Zero*. Kinsey Millhone, who ages one year per 2.5 books, will then be 40. Grafton will be considerably older.

THE HIT MAN (Paladin) case continues. A copy of the "how-to-commit-a-murder" manual was found among the belongings of a man convicted of three contract killings in 1993. The victims' families sued Paladin Press for "aiding and abetting murder." The publisher defended himself in the criminal trial on the grounds of freedom of speech.

In April, the US Supreme Court declined to review a lower court ruling that *Hit Man* was not protected by the First Amendment. However, a second appeal to the high court may be filed when the families' civil suit is decided.

IF IT'S getting harder and harder to sell books, try giving them away. That's just what Scarlet, a romance publisher, did at London's Victoria Station. Andrew Hayward, organizer of the campaign that gave away 5,000 copies of back stock, spent the morning fielding suspicious questions. One woman asked: "We don't have to sign up for anything, do we?" Another asked: "If I take one, I don't have to read it, do I?"

"If I read this book before I give it to my girlfriend," asked one man, "will I understand women any better?" Hayward answered with aplomb, "Absolutely. Take two copies." Hayward, a Labour Party activist, also did a little political campaigning on the side with one of his "customers." He offered to give her four copies if she promised to vote Labour. "Done," said the woman. At the end of the day, Hayward quipped: "The British public has a definite talent for spotting a bargain from a long distance away."

David Brauner

The New York Times BESTSELLERS

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Getting serious about Lebanon

The Katyushas may have taken the North by surprise, but the ensuing debate has been entirely predictable. Once again, reactions range from calls for a unilateral Israeli withdrawal, to blowing up Syrians with roadside bombs, to despairing of any solution short of a peace agreement with Syria. It should be clear by now that the problem of Lebanon does not lend itself to any single quick solution, but neither should Israel simply accept the status quo.

The toll from the rocket attacks on Kiryat Shmona and parts of the western Galilee could have been much worse. At least 30 rockets were fired at Israel at about 9:45 on Tuesday evening, and caught the region almost completely unprepared. Local residents said it was "a miracle" that no one was killed or seriously injured. The IDF, which is responsible for giving orders for civilians to enter their bomb shelters, gave that order only after the bombs started falling.

The IDF, lacking the hindsight with which politicians seem to be amply blessed, seemed not to have expected the rocket attacks. Israeli forces in the Lebanese security zone, however, had been put on alert following the pinpoint assassination of regional Amal operations chief Husam Amin, with a single missile shot from an Apache helicopter.

The attack was impressive from an operational perspective, singling out Amin when he was alone in his car, driving along a road near Tyre. Anyone who doubted both Israel's intelligence and technical capabilities in Lebanon will have to recalculate.

But assassinations, even when they succeed (unlike the bungled Mashaal Affair in Jordan) are a problematic, if necessary, military tool, and this one is no exception.

For some time now, Amal has been eclipsed by Hizbullah in the fight against Israel. Recently, however, Amal has stepped up its operations. In the bizarre logic of Lebanon, Amin's death will probably assist Amal in retrieving its status as a combatant against Israel. Yet from both a moral and a strategic perspective, the leaders of organizations that attack Israel cannot be held immune from attack.

Analysts point out that there are no hard and fast rules regarding the effectiveness of assassinations. The tactic seems to be most effective against small organizations that are dependent upon a single leader, such as the 1995 killing of Fathi Shkaki, the leader of Islamic Jihad. That assassination, which the foreign press attributed to Israel, led to the collapse of Islamic Jihad as a terrorist organization.

But even if larger groups, such as Amal, can recover from and utilize assassinations for propaganda purposes, the war against them cannot be fought without keeping their leadership on the defensive.

As for a broader solution to the problem, a number of fronts should be pursued simultaneously. First, it is important to maintain the initiative on the ground, signaling that Israel cannot be forced out of Lebanon.

Second, Israel should continue pressing for its initiative based on UN Security Council Resolution 425, whereby Israel would withdraw in exchange for suitable security arrangements to ensure a quiet international border. Third, Israel should continue to pursue a formula for renewing direct negotiations with Syria.

Outside parties, such as the US and Europe, have a role to play in convincing Syria to allow a 425-based solution to move forward, or to end the Syrian boycott of direct talks with Israel. The US and Europe should be informed that absent such a diplomatic push, Israel will be forced to escalate the fighting by targeting Lebanon's infrastructure, thereby putting pressure on both Syria and Lebanon to rein in Hizbullah and Amal.

Though the government is right in rejecting various panaceas, such as unilateral withdrawal or a sharp escalation against Syrian targets, such prudence does not mean Israel should wait passively until the next round of attacks.

Past experience indicates that progress on the Palestinian track puts pressure on Syria not to be left behind. If Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is planning on pushing for a solution regarding Lebanon when he attends the annual opening session of the United Nations General Assembly late next month, his effectiveness will be greatly increased if the long-awaited redeployment package is signed by then.

In the peace process, stalemate breeds stalemate, and progress breeds progress.

Four points

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

There are at least four highly disturbing factors in the Clinton-Lewinsky affair.

1. The fact that in a liberal democratic society such as the United States, an investigation like the one being conducted by independent counsel Kenneth Starr, using the methods that he uses, is possible.

Regardless of what one thinks about Clinton's "inappropriate" relationship with Monica Lewinsky, it was something private, which did not involve any criminal offense and should never have become the subject of an official investigation.

But with all its in-built checks and balances the American system, which in most senses is admirable, occasionally comes up with some pretty perverted aberrations.

2. That a perfectly legitimate even if slightly sordid sexual encounter, between two consenting adults, diverted public attention from other aspects of the president's alleged sexual conduct, which are much less legitimate, and under American law might even involve a criminal offense.

There appears to be substantial evidence that President Clinton is inclined to engage in acts that are regarded as "sexual harassment" – i.e. acts of a sexual nature committed contrary to the wishes of another person.

Since the president is an attractive and powerful man, one might assume that most of the time the women he approaches respond positively. But we know of at least two women who allegedly responded negatively, and whatever their motives for revealing their respective experiences, it is the suspicion of "sexual harassment" – not that of oral sex by mutual consent – which deserves attention and investigation.

Psychologists and graphologists asked to comment about Clinton's conduct have been inclined to conclude that (to quote one), "There is something childish in Bill Clinton. He is attracted to every source of warmth like a moth to fire, even if he is aware of the fact that his wings are liable to get scorched."

Clinton lied and apparently believed he could get away with it

That sounds very quaint, but to all who are seriously concerned with bringing about change in some of the basic norms of our society, such as an eradication of sexual harassment, quaint explanations won't do.

Any man or woman who has a personality problem which can cause harm to other human beings should deal with it – the president included.

3. THIS FACTOR is connected with the second point. If indeed the president has a problem, how does it affect his dealing with affairs of state?

Just as there is reason for concern when it is known that a prime minister or president has a drinking problem (Churchill apparently decided to bombard Dresden while he was stone drunk), or is taking very strong medication which blurs his senses or confuses him (on several occasions in the early 1980s prime minister Menachem Begin couldn't find his seat in the Knesset plenum), so one has reason for concern when the leader of a major state is not in full control of his sexual drive.

One should be able to feel confident that whatever else affects their political judgment at sensitive moments, our leaders are not affected by alcohol, drugs or uncontrollable lust.

4. Lastly, the president lied about his philandering, and apparently believed he could get away with it.

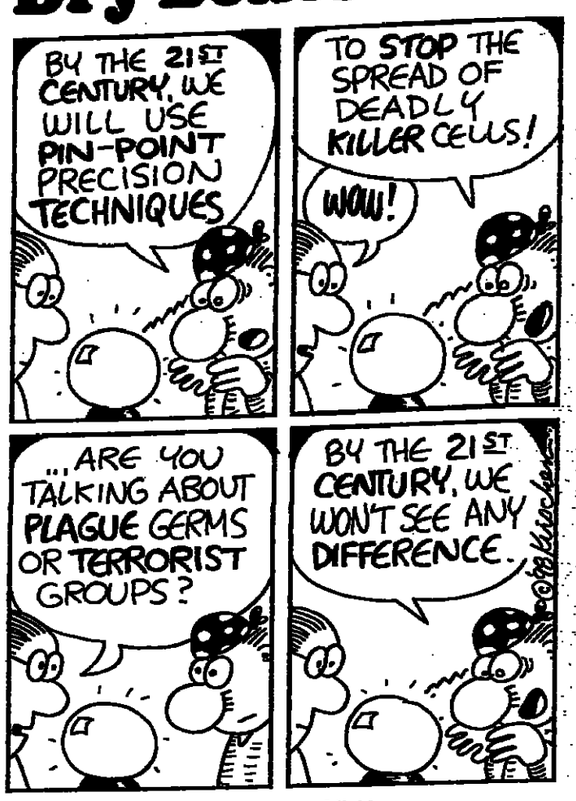
It is conventional wisdom that if you are married and are caught having an extramarital affair, the right thing to do is to try to lie your way out of the situation, all in the name of "protecting your family." But Clinton isn't just any philanderer – he is the president of the United States; and he didn't just lie – he lied looking straight into the lens of a TV camera, without blinking.

He lied in front of a grand jury, and even when he finally confessed he went on lying (does anyone really believe that he remained passive in the relationship with Lewinsky?)

In this respect one must take one's hat off to Binyamin Netanyahu who, back in 1993, admitted he had had an affair, even before his anonymous foes who claimed to have an incriminating video of him and a certain lady who wasn't his wife, actually delivered.

By quickly and voluntarily owning up, he managed to remove the issue from the public agenda. At the time he was mocked for what he did, but in retrospect his instincts were right.

Dry Bones



What now, Mr. President?

WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR.

The republic, we are advised, is at loggerheads on the question of Mr. Clinton. We learn that the overwhelming majority of the editorial/critical community is dissatisfied with the proposition that we simply go on from here, and give our attention entirely to the bombing of unfriendly parts of the world.

In contrast – again, so we are told – the majority of the American people is "sick" of the whole question and wants to move on to something else.

A personal exposure to the questions before the house suggests that what is missing from the picture is: expiation. An exchange with former governor Mario Cuomo advises us that, in his opinion, the speech given by Clinton on Aug. 17 was itself a sufficient sacrifice, a deposit on the scales of justice and sufficient atonement for his sins.

Asked whether he admitted that Mr. Clinton's recitation was the result not of an activated conscience but of running into a dead end on the road of evasion, Cuomo answered, persuasively, that this is so in almost every situation. People don't confess (except to priests) until they are caught.

But of course, when a malefactor is caught, he is in most cases punished.

The traduced wife may simply forgive and forget, but in most situations there are things like prison terms and the like. How does penance fit in the present picture?

THE FRUSTRATION of the critical community is in two parts. The first (for some of them), that Mr. Clinton beguiled them, by lying and inducing their collusion in his lies.

The second, the special difficulties in punishing a president of the United States. Governor Cuomo insists, and again does so plausibly, that one should not impeach, as putatively guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors, a chief executive who does nothing more than "engage in consensual sex."

This is a tender recitation of what the president did, the brief of an advocate rather than an arbiter. But the advocates of leaving things as they are have the advantage of being able to ask, What is the alternative? What indeed? You can't put a president under house arrest. Or suspend him from office for six months. Or give him a thousand hours of community service.

Not only can't you do that: there is simply no way of dispensing with presidential pomp and festoonery. This means acres of people meeting him lustily at airports, stopping to hear out the strains of Hail to the Chief, applauding his speeches and raising money for his political causes.

In entirely different situations the sanction of Coventry is handy. There are things you can do to the likes of a Mrs. Helmsley, upon learning that she is cruel and abusive to her subordinates: Unless you worked for her and had perforce to greet her in the morning, you could resolve to avoid her socially. The man in Newport who, by the most persuasive accounts, tried to murder his wife, who lies still in a coma, one could at least attempt to avoid. Schoolboys intuitively sensed out the usefulness of ostracism at the beginning of time.

And then too, you sense that sympathy for the victim caught up is a lively impulse. Ivan the Terrible was cheered and implored not to leave office. Richard Nixon, before too long, was given standing ovations. In the case of a sitting president, it is simply impractical simultaneously to ostracize him and acknowledge his power to engage the military, staff the Supreme Court, and direct the activity of some two million federal employees. It is not easy to imagine a president delivering a State of the Union speech to a Congress whose members turn their backs on him when he begins speaking.

The psychological impasse changes, of course, if the Starr report demonstrates wrongdoing more formal than what Clinton has acknowledged. There are those (of us) who believe that what he did to Lewinsky – the way he did it and the duplicity of his subsequent behavior – is actually more offensive than lying to a grand jury about a retrieved gift, or nudging a friend to keep silent.

But the law is the governing formality, and we are therefore face to face with real alternatives. It appears that there is nothing unmistakably indictable (or impeachable) in hand. That being so, How do those citizens who accept responsibility for preserving the tablets of public morality behave? What can they hope to get from President Clinton, this side of a resignation, that serves as appropriate atonement for trust scorned?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CLINTON AND DEMOCRACY

Sir, – I am sick of the misconceptions about the Lewinsky affair. It is not about sex, betrayal of Hillary or ordinary lies (as opposed to perjury).

Israelis, Europeans and most Americans simply do not understand. The issue is whether or not Clinton is above the law. He admitted that he was dishonest about his relationship with her. Clinton is merely playing a game of semantics because he needs a fig leaf.

Although he refuses to use the word lie, there is prima facie evidence that he lied in his Paula Jones case deposition, which is perjury. This is a criminal offense.

Proof of subornation of perjury does not require that he told her to lie in her deposition. If it is proven that they discussed ways to cover up their relationship and that he had Vernon Jordan find her jobs to keep her quiet, then there is prima facie evidence that he suborned perjury and obstructed justice.

If Clinton had not sought to hide anything, then he would be correct that the affair was only the business of his family and their God. His actions and TV address last week show that he is not fit to be president.

On TV he came across as arrogant and proved that his judgement is terribly impaired. How can he be trusted? Contrary to what he said, there is a distinct feeling that he believes that he is not responsible for his actions because he is the president!

If Clinton is not forced to resign, democracy does not exist in America, and a very dangerous precedent is set. In the future, if a president breaks the law, his lawyers can say that the president is above the law because of the precedent set in the Clinton affair.

KEN KALCHEIM
Dimona.

A THORN IN THEIR SIDE

Sir, – What is motivating the unremitting, longstanding attack described by Julius Berman ("Orthodox-bashing, Aug. 20) by the Conservative and Reform movements on Orthodox Judaism?

Is it because Orthodoxy is extremist, radical, fanatic, disgraceful, medieval, benighted, corrupt and cultic? Can such epithets hurled at Orthodoxy by these movements be descriptive of a religious group that doggedly maintained its principles and traditions throughout years of oppression, persecution and genocide? Or is it because these movements are convinced of their legitimacy and are fighting for at least equal status with Orthodoxy in Israel? This would be an acceptable basis for waging their battle, but without epithets.

However, the true underlying basis for the conflict is that Orthodoxy is a thorn in their sides. Orthodoxy has demonstrated that Jews can live in modern society without watering down authentic Jewish laws and traditions. These movements and Jews generally are being sucked into the whirlpool of promiscuity even among preteens, domestic violence, assimilation and intermarriage, as they adapt themselves to the social and religious behavior of non-Jews with whom they interact intimately.

Conservative and Reform rabbis know, in the deepest recesses of their hearts, that their congregants are straying far from being fully observant Jews and are unable to reverse the trend.... And this pains them sorely. So, as the maxim goes, if you can't join them, attack them.

Dr. CARL LAMPNER
Jerusalem.

IBA FEES

Sir, – Is the Israel Broadcasting Authority going out of its mind about TV license fees? Some time in March (the IBA never dates its missives) I received and paid a demand for NIS 233, the reduced rate for the elderly fixed for the year, following a Knesset decision.

In July I received another demand, for NIS 23, retroactively increasing the annual fee to make up the loss caused to the IBA by the Knesset's action. There was no date given for payment or mention of fines.

The legality of this retroactive imposition after one has paid for the year seems to me doubtful; the IBA's quarrel seems with the Knesset, and not to be taken out on license holders. But I paid the relatively small amount on August 10.

Last week I received a further demand for NIS 25 (no date, of course) telling me that I had not yet paid – it takes the IBA some time to catch up with itself – and therefore imposing a fine of 10%, not mentioned in the previous demand. Moreover, it threatens a fine of 50% in future months!

I do not propose to pay another NIS 2, and wonder what this sort of exercise is costing the IBA in collection of the small sums involved, apart from its dubious legality and the irritation to license holders.

Would not the money be better spent in getting after those many who evade the license fee, rather than irritating those who pay?

J. J. CHEMS
Netanya.

'Rosh katan'

DANIEL DORON

When Isaiah prophesied that peace would make nations cut their swords into plowshares, he did not foresee that first they would turn their generals into politicians, even prime ministers.

Generals are, of course, as entitled to be prime ministers as anyone else, since it is unclear what qualifications the job requires, or whether it is at all possible to prepare for it. There is room to wonder, however, what impact former military men may have on civilian life when so many ex-generals occupy top slots in the civilian establishment, not only on the national political level, but in municipalities, large corporations, industry, commerce and finance.

Generals have much to commend them, having gained experience and responsibility in large-scale operations. However, the centrist command mentality that the military must impose in order to function under extreme duress can be a drawback in civilian posts.

When one has been conditioned to take responsibility and decide alone, and then command others and expect unquestioning obedience, it may be difficult to adjust to the management by consensus and cooperation that customer oriented, competitive civilian entities require.

Markets provide objective criteria of success for managers: the bottom line. In a competitive environment, it indicates whether they serve their clients successfully. This is missing in the military, as well as in "publicly owned" government funded operations delivering "public goods" that markets cannot evaluate or price.

It is difficult enough to gauge whether a school principal performs well, or whether a health system delivers its services optimally. It is nearly impossible to judge objectively the performance of military leadership over time, even in wars (this would be true even if the profession was not so shrouded in myth).

THERE are too many variables involved, including luck.

Even the most brilliant commander depends on civilian leadership, on strategy and the quality of the war machine, on logistics, and on the unforeseeable circumstances of war.

Armies too often win by default – because their enemy is more disorganized – rather than through their excellence.

Armies have also turned into huge lumbering bureaucratic machines, since they are protected from exposure by security strictures and secrecy. As every Israeli reservist has learned, efficiency is not a prime criterion in running an army.

Indeed, it is claimed that at least some of the *balagan* afflicting us is acquired by the young while in service, and that the military creates an environment that discourages orderly performance of duty. This, and the military's habitually lackluster performance, indicate that the army has not been brilliantly managed.

Lack of criteria for promotion at the higher ranks means that it becomes progressively dependent on personal, hence biased, preferences, and on political considerations. Despite fierce denials, no Israeli institution is free of party politics, and since there are no "nature preserves" in society, the Israel military can not be an exception.

Ben-Gurion did not disband the Palmah solely for military reasons. His appointments always favored Mapai affiliates, who perpetuated in the defense forces what can be described as the Labor ethos, such as the absurd myth about "the purity of arms."

The organizational culture of this ethos is evident in how the IDF continues acting like an irregular army in many respects, with little taste for orderly procedures and discipline.

Its ideological flavor was recently illuminated by a club organized by some of Israel's finest, most dedicated fighters. They named their group not after any military hero, but after Chile's Marxist president Allende, and closed every meeting by singing *The International*. Even if done tongue in cheek, this still speaks volumes.

As the military becomes more bureaucratized, internal organizational politics, personal loyalties and the right connections become increasingly important. Affiliation to a clique becomes a significant consideration in advancement.

Cliques usually eliminate "competitors," so would-be generals learn to become defensive and risk-averse, lest any mistake be used against them.

All they want is to advance by preserving "industrial peace" on their watch, and this develops a tendency to avoid initiative and responsibility (the "rosh katan" phenomenon).

Mediocracy is contagious, because as more positions are occupied by people not chosen by merit alone, they feel the need to secure them by a process of negative selection.

An organization plagued with negative selection becomes mired in internal politics and strife, as evidenced in the numerous wars of the generals. The waste of so much energy on internal strife must damage military performance. Examples, unfortunately, abound.

Israelis love competition, but in public discourse, competition is a dirty word, always described as "cut-throat" and "savage," as it often probably is in Israel's closed system.

Winning the economic game requires quite a different mindset, an uncompromising insistence on efficiency and a win-win attitude, that stresses team work, cooperation and responsiveness to customer demands.

It is questionable whether the placing of "I know best and you must obey, whatever the cost" ex-generals in so many top positions in the economy and in politics is conducive to the mental transformation that Israel must undergo if it is to realize its enormous economic potential.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On August 27, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported at length on the fresh evidence presented at the trial of Avraham Stawsky, Zvi Rosenblatt and Abba Ahimeir, charged with conspiracy to murder and murder of Dr. Haim Arlosoroff.

50 years ago: On August 27, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that Arabs were continuing to shell Jewish Jerusalem. Colonel Moshe Dayan cited numerous instances of Arabs refusing to withdraw to positions they held before the cease-fire.

25 years ago: On August 27, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that prime minister Golda Meir told the country's 22 Conservative and Reform synagogue congregations, with their several thousand members, that they would have to continue using Orthodox rabbis to officiate at their weddings.

Alexander Zvielli

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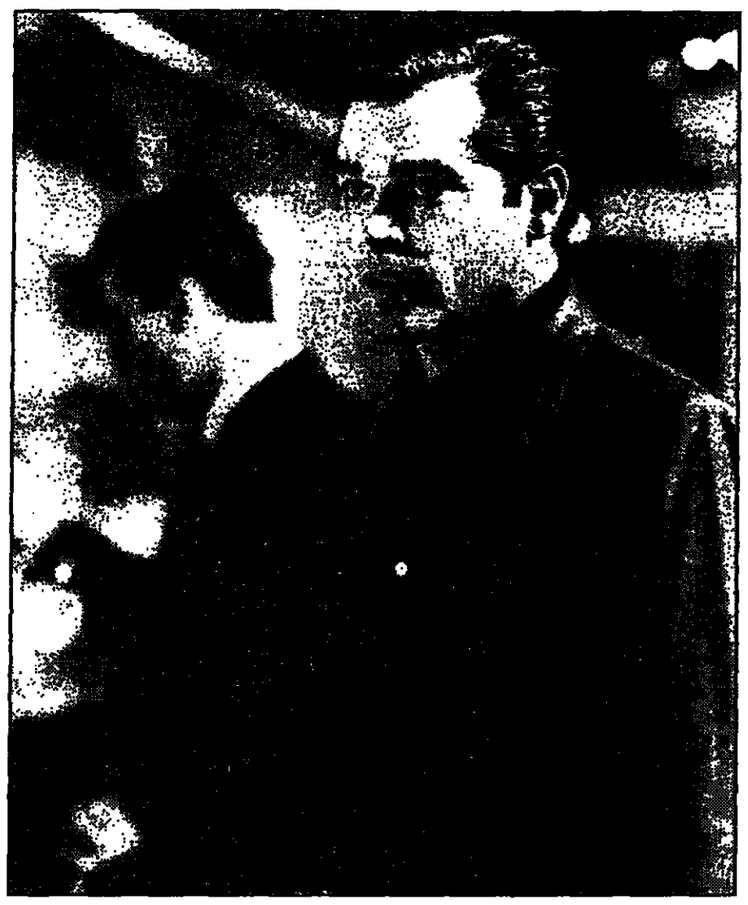

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New Jersey natives with frightening blue eyes: Frank Sinatra (left) and Ray Liotta, who portrayed The Chairman of the Board in HBO's 'The Rat Pack.'

Doing it Frank's way

Ray Liotta's portrayal of Frank Sinatra on US TV emphasized Ol' Blue Eyes's vulnerable side

By DIANE WERTS

On last Saturday's HBO movie *The Rat Pack*, aired in the US, Ray Liotta had the unenviable task of portraying Frank Sinatra as a flesh-and-blood character, rather than the caricature he somehow came to represent in his later years before his death last May.

Like Sinatra, Liotta is from New Jersey (Union to Frank's Hoboken). And his eyes, too, are blue. Clear-through blue. Almost frighteningly blue. But that isn't the key. It's what lies behind those azure orbs that makes his Sinatra click.

Was Frank Sinatra really "an 18-carat manic-depressive," as the biopic maintained?

"That's a quote," snaps Liotta in his best Jersey patter. "That's a quote from him in a *Playboy* interview. Yeah, that's one of the few lines [in the film] that literally were taken out of his mouth." If you're surprised to hear that from Sinatra, "there's a lot of things that would shock you," continues Liotta.

The 42-year-old actor leans back in his chair in this Ritz-Carlton hotel cottage in Pasadena, both miles and seemingly years away from the Hollywood bustle. You could envision Frank and his lady love Ava Gardner hiding out at this resort in the '50s, nestled between the Japanese gardens and the tennis courts, near the palm-shaded pool. Liotta is only here to do interviews, but in this genteel old retreat, he's far enough removed from his busy industry town to get reflective, even pensive.

So he wanted to get into the hidden sides of Sinatra which *The Rat Pack* revealed. There was Frank hanging with pack buddies Dean Martin (played by Joe Mantegna), Peter Lawford (British actor Angus Macfadyen), Joey Bishop (Bobby Slayton) and Sammy Davis Jr. (*Picket Fences* graduate Don Cheadle in a sizzling performance). There were the dames and the dazzle, the Vegas glitz and the ritzy estates. But most of all there was Sinatra's infatuation with the charisma and political power of the Kennedy brothers. That vulnerable side of Ol' Blue Eyes is what formed this epic portrait's tragic core.

Liotta skirts the edges of coherence as he rushes to touch on so many aspects of this film's troubled Sinatra, including a suicide attempt and his obsession with Gardner. ("He was so in love with her," says Liotta. "Here is this huge icon, this tough guy, and he was so emotionally distraught over certain things in his life.")

The tougher they are on the surface, the mushier their insides can be made. Yet the facade's gotta be kept up. Cracking it is Liotta's specialty.

He exploded out of no place back in 1986's *Something Wild* as kooky Melanie Griffith's definitely demented boyfriend. Dark and intense, the actor cemented his emotions-churning-under-the-surface status as mob turncoat Henry Hill in *GoodFellas*, then scored again as a disturbed stalker in *Unlawful Entry*. In between, Liotta also played some nice guys – Shoeless Joe Jackson in *Field of Dreams*, a heart surgeon in *Article 99* – and even made a Disney flick, *Operation Dumbo Drop*.

Nice is the way Liotta started his career two decades back, just out of the University of Miami, doing the NBC soap *Another World* as sincere, reliable Joey Parini.

But who remembers nice guys? Nobody, in Liotta's case, since he so ignites the screen when he's evil. "The bad guys really stand out in people's minds," Liotta says. "And now playing this one, there's, you know, a combination good guy and edgy guy."

Nevertheless, Liotta had reservations when he was offered the Sinatra role. "I was not that crazy about taking on an icon like Sinatra," he says. Director Rob Cohen (*Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story*) and scripter Kario Salem (who wrote HBO's acclaimed Don King movie) had to do a sales job to nab their star.

The script's humanistic approach helped to convince Liotta. "Instead of playing the icons, the cool guys, it was interesting to get how it was for them in the steam room, and the love that they had for each other. We don't know any of the personal part of these guys. Today, we know too much about everybody."

So Liotta delves into the man beneath the music – the soul that put so much anguish and fortitude into songs like "Here's That Rainy Day" that they're now on their fourth generation of awestruck listeners.

"I think his music lives so long now, even more than his movies, 'cause he was so emotionally invested," says Liotta. "What he's really known for is his torch songs ... because [he's] capable of understanding, you know, that hurt that people feel. That's why that stuff resonates so much."

Pain and longing. It may be in his songs, but it's not the usual image of Sinatra the man. That's where *The Rat Pack* went.

Salem gave Liotta some killer script moments, when he's watching John F. Kennedy on TV, admiring how the ambitious politician "walks right into the lion's mouth and pulls up a chair"; when he rages at a newspaper, "What do I have to accomplish for these people to give me some respect!"; when he brags about his Kennedy palship, "People say bad things about me now, they're gonna be callin' the president a liar."

The Kennedy connection reveals the desperate Jersey kid behind the big-shot boasts. Liotta wants to get across "a sense of who he was as a human being and how he felt about things. How he was really hurt when the Kennedys were gonna disassociate themselves from him," because of his alleged mob ties, "when they were using him for what we could bring to the campaign," which the film maintains was mob boss Sam Giancana's vote-mustering muscle.

"But yet here was my best friend, Sammy Davis Jr., that they said, 'Don't go to that wedding, stay away from the Negro.'" when Davis planned to marry Swedish actress Mai Britt.

If Liotta lapses into "me" in discussing Sinatra, who can blame him? He had to get inside the man to carry off this portrayal because he doesn't, frankly, look a thing like him. His only physical concession to Sinatra's visage is some hair magic; Liotta's lush dark mane was shaved back far enough to emulate Sinatra's receding hairline (and cover-up toupees) during the movie's 1958-63 time frame.

Liotta doesn't lip-sync to Sinatra's songs. Sinatra's family, led by fiercely protective daughter Tina, was against the project from the beginning, when Sinatra was still alive. (In development for years, the film was shot last winter.) They refused permission to use his vocals. Fine with Salem.

"To have taken the real Sinatra music," he argues, "it would have been more like mimicry. And this film's not about that." (The HBO songs were delivered by Sinatra sound-alike Michael Dees.)

The controversy over the film's biographical portrayal hasn't exactly subsided. Family members publicly denounced the project. But HBO Pictures President John Matoian says he's friends with Tina Sinatra, having worked with her at CBS in the early '90s supervising her *Sinatra miniseries*.

And, Matoian notes, "Ironically, Ray Liotta's the man that Tina and I wanted to cast at CBS, and he turned us down flat." (The role went instead to Phillip Casnoff.)

But six years later, another TV Sinatra came along, and this time Liotta signed on, impressed by the film's well-written script.

Cohen says, "I saw it in terms of a Greek tragedy." Liotta did, too. But he tried not to dwell on that Big Picture. "It was so hard for me," he moans, "to pull the trigger to finally do this." Once he finally did, he had to have no qualms about firing away.

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Bowling-alley chic

By TRACY FISKE

When you find yourself in a large city with a particular craving, there's nothing more satisfying than being a cab ride away from a specific neighborhood that seems divinely dedicated to accommodating your fix.

In New York, for example, Sixth Street on the East Side is wall-to-wall Indian restaurants, Mulberry Street is perpetually perfumed with the smell of parmagiana and everything else Italian, and dim sum joints jam Canal Street.

Unfortunately, Jerusalemites aren't afforded a similar convenience – unless of course you're yearning for a coffee house.

In the past year or so Hillel Street and its environs have become a haven for the young, the beautiful and the caffeine-dependent. Aroma, Foccaccio, Hillel, Joseph and the most recently opened Rose Café are all within a stone's throw of one another.

Rose (not to be confused with Rosa, the funky, intimate watering hole in Nahlaot), however, immediately distinguishes itself from the neighboring café/espresso bars.

While Rose specializes in the typical fare of coffee and dessert, alcoholic beverages and sandwiches, the establishment is at once a more ambient and mellow affair.

Set back from the road by a paved square, the café is housed in the ground floor of the Jerusalem Heights apartment complex. There are 20 or so tables outside, shaded by elegant, white umbrellas. The chairs, both outside and inside, are thankfully not of the plastic lawn-furniture variety, but instead comfortable seats crafted from wood and metal.

Just as the patio is not crammed with tables and chairs, Rose's interior feels spacious and clean. The floor is parquet, and the concrete back wall is mounted with geometric wood and lucite sconces. Manager Gidi Hod calls Etai Aronson's design post-modern, and says it contributes to Rose's laid-back atmosphere.

After a few drinks, my friend and I came up with a few of our own descriptions for the café's unique style, including "industrial but warm" and "bowling-alley chic."

Contributing to Rose's chilled atmosphere is the fact that it's air-conditioned and, well, that's reason enough for me to go there during this dreadfully hot summer.

Light rock songs by artists such as Natalie Merchant, The The, Eagle Eye Cherry, and Cyndi Lauper provide a pleasant background to conversations over drinks or meals.

Unlike its sister establishment Zanzibar, the swanky, too-cool-for-school pub on Shamai Street, Rose concentrates more on diners than boozers. The menu includes appetizers such as beef nachos, and onion and smoked goose tart (NIS 17-25); sandwiches with toppings like goat cheese or tuna (NIS 18-27); salads (NIS 24-30); and desserts (NIS 10-18), which Hod says are baked fresh in Tel Aviv and claims are "simply the best in the country." Breakfasts and business lunches are also on offer.

If you're in the mood to drink, you can, of course, do that too. There's a wide selection of whiskeys, bourbons, rums and cognacs as well as French and Spanish wines (NIS 15 to NIS 150). Bottled beers (NIS 12) include Carlsberg, Tuborg and Corona. Italian Danesi coffee spiked with Grappa, Calvados and Sambouka are specialties of the house.

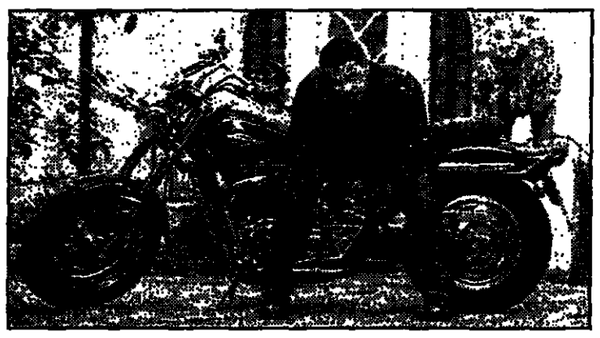
Like the original outlet of Rose Café in Tel Aviv (which was the site of a tragic accident this week when a car crashed through its front window), the Jerusalem branch of Rose is dedicated to fine service, says Hod. And in fact the staff was smiling and helpful, not to mention damn good-looking. The customers, come to think of it, also looked like they just arrived from a mass modeling audition.

Rose Café, 3 Rabbi Akiva Street, Jerusalem

AFTER HOURS

Actors on my mind

'Florentine' and 'Family Secrets' star Adi Terrer talks about his favorite movie stars



Adi Terrer is one of the hottest young actors on the local scene.

Even as a child, Terrer recalls that he would amuse himself by playing different characters. "During the Yom Kippur War when we were children, I remember that I used to be in the bomb shelter for hours at a time and I used to make up different stories and play them out. You know when you are stuck for hours on end in one room and you're very young you do all sorts of things," he says.

Then at school, "I used to be in all the plays, ever since second grade, so I guess that I always had it in me. But when I was serving in the army I guess that somehow the artist inside of me was sort of put aside."

In his final year at Yoram Levinstein's School of Acting, Terrer put on a street theater production for a festival in Tel Aviv. This was not connected to the school and consequently, combined with a talent for being perennially late to class, Terrer was thrown out of school just before graduation.

In one of the productions for Levinstein, however, a director who was casting for the series *Florentine* (Channel 2 on Tuesdays) saw Terrer and took him on the spot to play the character Maor. This successful part led to his role in the just-released feature film *Family Secrets*.

"I find myself very lucky to be in the position that I am in, as a young actor," he says.

Terrer draws a lot of inspiration from the work of other actors; here he talks about some of his favorites.

1. Daniel Day-Lewis

"I love how he creates his characters, the inside and the outside. He is very different in every movie that he makes. I think that my favorite film of his is *In the Name of the Father*. In a way his character in this film reminds me of myself. I mean I was never in jail or anything, but there are parts that strike home."

2. Anthony Hopkins

"I like his power. He's so versatile in the role that he plays. He also worked at a time when acting was very appreciated. I would like to be able to perform in those kinds of conditions. He usually tends to play a bit of a nutcase, but many actors do."

3. Moshe Ivgi

"He manages to make his projects very different from each other. As an actor he manages to deal with issues that are relevant today. He is a very talented actor and I enjoyed working with him."

4. Bette Midler

"She is from the generation of actors who knows how to act, sing, dance and give a full performance. She has energy that almost bursts out of her. She has more than her fair share of charm, and although she is not a classic beauty, when she acts she is beautiful because of what she is. She has a beautiful character."

5. Meryl Streep

"This woman has such a powerful, intense, and sensitive quality about her. She is unbelievable. Her ability to change herself so completely is phenomenal. It is good to see that we have such talented actors nowadays."

– Sonie Lemor

Hot tips

By DAHLIA SCHEINDLIN

Tel Aviv

Consider the somber theater offering tonight: ***Hat Full of Rain*** plays at the Ramat Gan Library Theater. This is a harsh family drama involving drugs, lies and money, and the story of one truly unhealthy war veteran. Starts at 8:30. Call (03) 579-9290

Slightly more upbeat, but still philosophical, is a play representing the latest substantial contribution to **English-language theater** in Israel. Kelly Hartog's new company Tall Poppy presents its debut with *Two*, by the Australian playwright Ron Elisha. The opening bash happens at Tzavta (30 Ibn Gabirol), where the evening kicks off with a wine and cheese reception at 7:30. Showtime is 8:30.

Stick around Tzavta and you might just catch the show behind door No. 2: the pleasant overtones of singer and songwriter **Ofer Bashan** can be heard, in his performance of original piano music at 9:30 p.m.

And for surefire enjoyment, with all the energy bestowed by his Romanian heritage, **Baldi Olier** is back this weekend. Tonight he plays his blazing flamenco guitar with a show called *Flamenco Plus* at Habimah starting at 8:30 p.m. Call (03) 526-6600.

Jerusalem

Dance away for a second straight day in Jerusalem! Starting at the Hamashbir department store on King George at 5:30 p.m., wild and spontaneous Israeli dancing abounds. Following the frenzy, a parade of 30 folk and ethnic groups from around the country starts at 7 at Safra Square and heads down Jaffa Road. The main performance is at 9:30 at Safra, but meanwhile, folk music provides pleasure throughout the night at the sports hall in Ramot. Call 106 for more information.

And on Saturday night, a surreal **"Sea to Sea"** beach party includes effects that instantly recall the seashore in sunset. Dancing and rocking will be accompanied by affordable beverages, and not-normally-affordable prizes. All this for a mere NIS 60 with an invite, NIS 70 shekels without. At 25 Ha'oman 25, Talpiot. Call (02) 671-8332, or 052-506097 for details.

Need something a tad more mellow? Head to good old Giora's restaurant tonight, where the **Bean Blossom Boys** pluck away with some unplugged, traditional American folk music. 10 King David. (02) 624-1015.

And Points Beyond

Time to get down in the world of the joyful! Participate in a little religious ecstasy at the **"Hallelujah" Festival of Cantorial Music** at Kibbutz Lavi up north. The Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday afternoon is a pleasant highlight. Starting at 3:30 p.m., it will include performances by the Gevatron, the never-say-die Israeli folk-dance group, and a performance by cantor Yitzhak Miller. Call (03) 688-2102 for details. The festival continues until Saturday.

Lose yourself in the Eastern roots of Israeli culture at the 12th Yemenite Festival, an **"Eastern-style" culture festival** including music and folklore. Way down in Eilat, the festival starts tonight and continues until Sunday. Performers include Haim Moshe, Eyal Golan, Shlomi Shabat, Oren Chen and others. Call (03) 930-6660. Eilat is simply bursting with music tonight, with the **Red Sea Jazz Festival** wrapping up as well this very evening. Catch the last wave of shows from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tonight, **Rahzel, The Godfather of Noize** performs with Pringles and the Galgalatz Hip-Hop Journey, at the Chevrolet club in Holon. Take-off at 11. If you survive the trip, come back on Saturday night for a national competition of young rock bands, with the first prize being production of the best band's album by Helicon Records. This one starts at 8:30 p.m.

And to top it off on Saturday night, the indomitable Shlomo Artzi performs at the Caesarea Amphi (National Park), at 9:15. Call (03) 604-4725.

Television

Ditch it all and stay home tonight with some terribly greasy popcorn.

The charming ***Moonstruck*** features one of Cher's most lovable roles and the sexiest Nick Cage ever, along with a stunning and understated Olympia Dukakis (Channel 2, 9:46 p.m.).

Choose between a feel-good and a feel-pretty-bad movie, with *Crash* as the other option at 10 p.m on the Movie Channel. Twisted minds and twisted metal define this film, but it has fine acting, including Holly Hunter and the spooky James Spader – who else?

Second Showing airs ***The Doors*** movie, in which Val Kilmer plays the charismatic Jim Morrison, also at 10 p.m.

Weekender Food & Drink

The herbs of summer

Nature's finest seasonings now are at their fresh and flavorful peak – and perfect for your table, Elizabeth J. Taliaferro writes

Whether you grow them yourself or choose them from bins and baskets at the greengrocers or corner market, fresh herbs provide the ultimate spark of flavor in any great dish. They can transform even the ordinary to the memorable.

What's the source of this famous gustatory power? Aromatic oils are released when the herbs are cut or cooked.

While dried herbs have more concentrated flavors, only with the fresh ones can the real imprint of *taste, aroma, and nuance* be appreciated. But it's an ephemeral triumph. More so than almost any other ingredient, fresh herbs must be added with great calculation due to their delicate potency.

In these recipes and in general, cut and cook fresh herbs as late in the process as possible. As elsewhere in life, freshness fades all too quickly.

TABBOULEH WITH ORANGES AND SUNFLOWER SEEDS

¾ cup uncooked bulgur or cracked wheat
2 cups boiling water
2 navel oranges
1 Tbsp. sugar
1½ Tbsp. olive oil
¼ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. black pepper
1 cup chopped fresh parsley
¾ cup chopped fresh mint
¾ cup diced, seeded and peeled cucumber
½ cup coarsely chopped red onion
2 navel oranges, each cut cross wise into 10½cm. slices
2 Tbsp. sunflower seeds

Combine bulgur and boiling water in a large bowl. Cover and let stand 30 minutes and drain.

Peel and section 2 oranges over a bowl; squeeze membranes to extract juice. Set sections aside; reserve ¼ cup juice. Discard membranes.

Combine reserved orange juice, sugar, oil, salt and pepper; stir well with a whisk.

Add orange sections, parsley, mint, cucumber and onion to bulgur mixture; stir well. Add orange juice mixture; toss gently to coat. Cover and chill at least 2 hours.

Arrange the orange slices on each of 5 serving plates; top with tabbouleh. Sprinkle evenly with sunflower seeds. (Serves 5.)

CARIBBEAN CHICKEN SHISH KEBABS

for the Caribbean rub:
2 jalapeno peppers, halved and seeded
2 garlic cloves, peeled
¾ cup chopped fresh parsley
¼ cup minced fresh thyme
¼ cup chopped onion
2 Tbsp. fresh lime or lemon juice
1 tsp. curry powder
¼ tsp. salt
⅛ tsp. black pepper

for the shish kebabs:
8 skinned, boned chicken thighs (about 700 gr.)
1 Tbsp. chopped fresh thyme
¼ tsp. salt
⅛ tsp. black pepper
2 red bell peppers, quartered
cooking spray
1 tsp. olive oil
1 cup uncooked basmati rice
¾ cup water
1¼ cups chicken broth
2 Tbsp. flaked sweetened coconut, toasted
4 lime wedges (optional)

Turn on food processor and drop jalapeno and garlic through food chute and process until minced. Add parsley and next 6 ingredients (parsley through ⅛ tsp. black pepper) and process until well-blended, scraping sides of bowl occasionally.

Trim fat from chicken. Sprinkle 1 Tbsp. thyme, ¼ tsp. salt, and ⅛ tsp. black pepper over chicken; roll up.

Place 2 30-cm. skewers parallel to each other about 1.5 cm. apart on a work surface. (If using wooden skewers, soak in water 30 minutes before assembling kebabs.) Thread 4 chicken rolls and 4 bell pepper pieces alternately onto the skewers.

Brush 2 Tbsp. Caribbean rub over kebab. Place kebab in a 33-cm. x 23-cm. baking dish. Repeat procedure with remaining chicken rolls, bell peppers, and Caribbean rub. Cover and marinate in refrigerator 3 hours.

Prepare grill. Place kebabs on a grill rack coated with cooking spray; grill 12 minutes on each side or until chicken is done.

Heat oil in a saucepan coated with cooking spray over medium-high heat until hot. Add remaining Caribbean rub; saute 1 minute. Add rice, water and broth; bring to a boil. Cover and reduce heat. Simmer 15 minutes or until liquid is absorbed. Let stand, covered, 10 minutes. Fluff with a fork.

Place 1 cup rice on each of 4 serving plates. Arrange 2 chicken rolls and 2 bell pepper pieces on top of rice; sprinkle each serving with 1½ tsp. coconut. Serve with lime wedges, if desired. (Serves 4.)

WARM BEEF-AND-POTATO SALAD WITH BEARNAISE DRESSING

12 small red potatoes, quartered (about 800 gr.)
4 shallots, quartered
2 tsp. olive oil
cooking spray
2 120 gr. beef tenderloin steaks (2 cm. thick)
¼ cup chopped shallots
¼ cup dry white wine
¼ cup white wine vinegar
¼ cup water
3 Tbsp. chopped fresh tarragon
2 Tbsp. creamy-mustard mayonnaise blend (such as Dijonnaise)
1 Tbsp. chopped fresh chives

Preheat oven to 190°.

Combine potatoes and quartered shallots in a 33 cm. x 23 cm. baking dish; drizzle with oil and toss gently. Bake at 190° for 50 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally. Cool slightly.

Place a large nonstick skillet coated with cooking spray over medium-high heat until hot. Add steaks; cook 3 minutes on each side or until desired degree of doneness. Remove steaks from skillet; keep warm.

Add chopped shallots, wine, vinegar, water and tarragon to skillet. Bring to a boil; cook until reduced to ½ cup (about 2 minutes). Strain through a colander into a bowl; discard solids. Add mustard blend to wine mixture and stir well with a whisk.

Cut steaks into thin slices. Combine potato mixture, beef and tarragon mixture in a large bowl; toss gently to coat. Sprinkle with chives. Serve immediately. (Serves 4.)

FRUIT SALSA

2 cups coarsely chopped, peeled ripe papaya or mango (about 1 large)
1½ cups coarsely chopped, peeled kiwi (about 3 kiwis)
¾ cup fresh corn kernels (about 1 ear)
½ cup chopped red onion
½ cup minced fresh coriander
3 Tbsp. fresh lime or lemon juice
1 Tbsp. minced seeded jalapeno pepper
¼ tsp. salt

Combine all ingredients in a small bowl; cover and chill. (Makes 4 cups.)

AVOCADO CREAM

1 peeled medium-sized avocado, pitted and cut into chunks
½ cup fat-free sour cream
2 Tbsp. fresh lime or lemon juice
2 Tbsp. minced fresh coriander

Place first 3 ingredients in a blender; process until smooth. Spoon pureed mixture into a small bowl; stir in coriander. Cover and chill. (Makes 1 1/3 cups.)

POTATO-PESTO BAKE

1 Tbsp. slivered almonds, toasted
2 garlic cloves
1 cup basil leaves
1 cup parsley sprigs
2 Tbsp. chicken or vegetable broth
2 Tbsp. finely grated fresh Romano cheese
2 Tbsp. lemon juice
4 tsp. olive oil, divided
½ tsp. salt
cooking spray
6 cups red potatoes sliced ¼ cm. thick (about 900 gr.), divided
2 Tbsp. finely grated fresh Romano cheese, divided
½ cup chicken or vegetable broth

Preheat oven to 220°.

Turn on food processor, drop the almonds and garlic through food chute and process until minced. Add basil and parsley; process until finely chopped.

Add 2 Tbsp. broth, 2 Tbsp. cheese, lemon juice, 2 tsp. oil and salt; process until smooth.

Spread 2 tsp. oil in a 28 cm. x 18 cm. baking dish coated with cooking spray. Arrange 2 cups potatoes in bottom of baking dish, spread 3 Tbsp. basil mixture over potatoes, and sprinkle with 2 tsp. cheese. Repeat the procedure with 2 cups potatoes, 3 Tbsp. basil mixture, and 2 tsp. cheese. Top with 2 cups potatoes.

Heat ½ cup broth until it is about to boil. Pour broth over potatoes and spread remaining basil mixture over potatoes. Cover with foil and bake at 220° for 45 minutes. Uncover, sprinkle with 2 tsp. cheese and bake an additional 15 minutes or until tender. (Serves 6.)

CORIANDER-PEANUT SAUCE

¼ cup balsamic vinegar
2 ½ Tbsp. granulated sugar
2 Tbsp. brown sugar
2 Tbsp. soy sauce
½ tsp. crushed red pepper
⅛ tsp. salt
1 garlic clove, minced
2 Tbsp. creamy peanut butter
½ cup chopped fresh coriander
2 Tbsp. chopped fresh mint

Combine the first 7 ingredients in a small saucepan and bring to a boil, stirring frequently. Remove from heat. Add peanut butter and stir with a whisk until smooth. Cool and stir in coriander and mint. (Makes ¾ cup.)

FRESH-SAGE DROP SCONES

1 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup yellow cornmeal
2 tsp. baking powder
¼ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. black pepper
1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
¼ cup minced green onions
2 Tbsp. chopped fresh sage
1½ tsp. chopped fresh thyme
1 cup low-fat milk
cooking spray
12 sage leaves

Preheat oven to 205°.

Lightly spoon the flour into a dry measuring cup and level with a knife. Combine the flour and next 4 ingredients (flour through black pepper) in a large bowl. Stir in shredded cheddar cheese, minced green onions, sage and thyme. Add milk, stirring just until moist.

Drop dough by 2 level tablespoons 5 cm. apart onto baking sheets coated with cooking spray. Gently press 1 sage leaf into the top of each scone.

3. Bake at 205° for 20 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm.

(Makes 12.)

THAI EGGPLANT DIP

400-500 gr. eggplant
⅓ cup golden raisins, chopped
2 Tbsp. water
2 Tbsp. chopped fresh basil
2 tsp. fresh lemon juice
1 tsp. olive oil
¼ tsp. black pepper
⅛ tsp. salt
1 garlic clove, minced
4 pitot
½ cup shredded mozzarella cheese
3 Tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 220°.

Pierce eggplant several times with a fork and wrap in foil. Place eggplant on a baking sheet and bake at 220° for 1 hour. Cool slightly. Peel, seed and mash eggplant with a potato masher.

Combine raisins and water in a small bowl. Cover loosely with plastic wrap. Microwave at high 30 seconds. Let stand, covered, 10 minutes; drain. Add raisins, basil and next 5 ingredients (basil through garlic) to eggplant.

Preheat broiler. Sprinkle pitot with cheeses, and broil for 2 minutes or until cheese melts. Cut each pita into 6 wedges and serve with eggplant dip. (Serves 4-6 as an appetizer.)

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Phyllis's Tips

By PHYLLIS GLAZER

Meal in a cup (avoid)

Plastic Cup o' Soup-like products, which have appeared on Israeli shelves in recent years, have taken off like wildfire. For many, like soldiers and office workers, they seem an ideal solution.

For parents, they're a quick way to stave off children's hunger. Just add boiling water, stir, wait five minutes and you have a cup of hot soup or food.

I tried the new North African-style couscous with vegetables, part of Osem's new international series, which includes Italian-style ravioli with creamed tomato sauce, Chinese-style noodles with soy sauce and vegetables, and Mexican-style spicy rice with beans and vegetables.

All of them are enriched with vitamins, but also contain antioxidants as preservatives (whether they're natural or chemical antioxidants isn't specified), unidentified flavorings, flavor enhancers, hydrogenated oils and huge amounts of sodium. For those with a sensitive palate, they leave a chemical aftertaste. Is there really no alternative? NIS 5.50

Worcestershire sauce (very good)

We grew up with it, it appears on supermarket shelves and in recipes, but very few people know what it is and where it came from. In fact, few could imagine how one little bottle contains so many ingredients from such diverse parts of the world – from the seas off Argentina to the forests in Western India. Worcestershire (pronounced "wooster") sauce – that concentrated sauce used to season meats like steaks and hamburgers and enrich mayonnaise dressings and other sauces – has a long and romantic history.

The story began in Bengal at the beginning of the 18th century, when Sir Marcus Sandis, a British diplomat, went on home leave. He brought home with him the recipe for an Indian sauce that he encountered and fell in love with. When he arrived at his destination, in the Worcestershire district, he entered a local apothecary's shop and asked the pharmacist to make up a batch of sauce. The pharmacists kept a few liters for themselves, filed away the recipe, and forgot about it.

Time passed and one of the pharmacists found a jar of the sauce in his basement. It seemed that the longer it stood, the more delicious the sauce had become. Feeling like they had their hands on a good thing, the pharmacists looked up the recipe and started manufacturing it in commercial quantities. The sauce's fame spread far and wide; it was not only a hit in England, but also was shipped to all corners of the globe, including India.

Real Worcestershire sauce contains anchovies, tamarind, vinegar, molasses, garlic, onion, soy sauce, hot peppers, pearl onions and other natural flavorings. It complements various fish and meat dishes, and is a must in the perfect Bloody Mary. Do not confuse it with Rotev Royal, the Israeli version of the sauce made with artificial ingredients.

Different types of Worcestershire sauce are available here, among them a fine version manufactured by Heinz (148 ml. sells for NIS 5.30).

Casino potato chips (avoid)

Like most American children, I grew up with real potato chips. They were skinny, salty and a little bit oily, but you really got the feeling that they were made from sliced potatoes. In Israel, salty snacks are popular, especially among the young set. While the leader is Bamba-type snacks, potato chips are in second place.

Neither group is particularly healthy – both have too much salt, too much fat, and virtually no nutritional value (even if they are supplemented by vitamins). But what I consider a particular travesty is the potato chips made out of dried and powdered potatoes that were reconstructed into potato-chip form. One of these is Pringles, another is Elite's Casino 3D. While Elite's chips do not contain food coloring, cholesterol or preservatives, neither do most other potato chips. Plus they have a mealy, overly salty, artificial taste. A 40-gr. package sells for NIS 3.25. Save your money for the real thing.

Feedback

By PHYLLIS GLAZER

What are your comments on Meshaper, the "bakery improvement powder"? I can't understand why anyone who takes time to bake additive-free yeast goods should ruin them by adding all the chemicals in this "improvement powder."

Do you agree that while Shimrit is easy to use and foolproof, the texture of baked goods made with fresh yeast (sold in little cubes) is vastly superior?

– Jose Lantenberg, Jerusalem

Although Meshaper is made with mostly natural ingredients, it also contains a chemical emulsifier. I think you pretty much summed it up when you ask why "anyone who takes time to bake additive-free yeast goods" should add chemicals to his or her food. While it does improve the texture of the yeast dough and make it rise higher, it does so in an unnatural way and I prefer to eat my food as nature intended.

With regard to Shimrit: It is fresh yeast. It is an Israeli invention with an additive to prevent clumping of the granules. I have found no difference whatsoever between using fresh Shimrit or cubed fresh yeast.

What is the best way to store bananas?

Also, why is it impossible to get genuine fresh whipped cream in cafes, instead of the horrible tinned stuff? Weather has nothing to do with it; I've been in the south of France in August and had whipped cream there.

– Nomi Kalisch, Netanya

The best way to store bananas is at room temperature, away from sources of light and heat. Refrigeration will blacken them. You also can try hanging them up to avoid bruising.

It is not impossible to get fresh whipped cream in cafes; it just depends on the cafe. Some cafes, particularly if they are kosher, use products made with parve "cream." Parve "cream," which is full of chemicals, does not spoil as quickly as real cream. Other cafes pour real 38 percent fat cream into metal containers that aerate them.

Some cafe owners don't have enough finesse to know that there is really a difference. Maybe if you told the cafe owner how disgusting the whipped cream served in his establishment is, he'll consider an alternative.

I have several recipes which call for cilantro. Please give me the Hebrew name. My greengrocer insists that it's the equivalent of parsley, but I'm not convinced that he's correct.

– Miriam Rosen, Ra'anana

You're right and your greengrocer is wrong. Cilantro is the Spanish, Mexican and US West Coast name for fresh coriander, which is known as Chinese parsley on the East Coast of the US. It is called *kuzbara* in Hebrew.

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Wine Cellar

Golan winery turns 15

By MOGA TARNOPOLSKY

Anyone who happened upon the wine festival in the Tel Aviv Port about a month ago could not help but notice that the place was almost eerily empty until about 10 p.m., when it would fill up at almost mechanical speed and turn raucous, loud, smelly, and unpleasant.

The rank smell came from the copious amounts of wine that were spilled or tumbled onto the cement path in the bustling crowds of people. If you take into account the disruptively loud music and the awful heat that embraced Tel Aviv during those days, it was not a particularly pleasant way to spend an evening. Nonetheless, one spot in the festival stood out: the stand operated by the Golan Heights Winery, complete with a gigantic grape harvester that had been brought down by truck, huge photographs of the winery's vineyards on the Golan, and everybody – from incoming CEO Shalom Blyer and outgoing CEO Segev Yerovam to the receptionists – cheerfully serving the public glasses of wine.

I recount this story because the Golan Heights Winery, in its 15 years of existence, has brought a level of professionalism and seriousness to the Israeli world of winemaking that had not existed previously. This is evident not only in the quality of the wine it produces, but also in seemingly less pertinent matters, like customer service and efforts to elevate wine consciousness in Israel.

Simply put, the Golan Heights Winery is a classy place. It is celebrating its 15th anniversary in high style, with an International Wine and Culinary Festival that marks both the winery's anniversary and the nation's first half century.

From September 1 to 3, four world-class chefs and 18 of their most accomplished Israeli colleagues will be holding almost 24-hour-a-day demonstrations in a specially constructed open kitchen, displaying their skills by preparing dishes we usually think of as inaccessible to the average cook. In addition, there will be a series of more academic lectures on wine trends in Israel and around the world.

The festival's highlight will be a gala dinner Wednesday night, at which four chefs bearing Michelin stars (Jean-Louis Palladin, Hubert Keller, Antoine Westerman and Michel Lorain) will join forces to produce what should be, if all goes well, a spectacular meal to accompany the finest Golan wines.

Artists from the Golan also have been invited to join the celebration. The winery is sponsoring an art competition and the winning submission will serve as the label for a select series of cabernet sauvignon 1998.

The price for one day's participation, not including the gala dinner, is $85 plus VAT. The price for the entire festival, including the gala dinner, is $200 plus VAT. Those wishing to fly up to the festival will receive a 25% reduction in the price of Israir flights to Rosh Pina. For more information, or to make reservations, call (03) 566-6166.

To stem or not to stem

The stems on parsley and coriander are soft and can be used. Simply place the bunch on a cutting board and chop with a sharp knife.

Thyme and rosemary have woody stems you don't want to use. To remove the leaves in one quick motion, hold the top of each stem with one hand, then strip off the leaves with the fingertips of your other hand.

Mint, oregano, tarragon and sage also have unusable stems, which should be discarded. The leaves of these herbs can be easily pinched off one at a time.

Herbs with large leaves, such as basil, are often thinly sliced, or chiffonaded. To chiffonade, stack several leaves on a cutting board. Roll up lengthwise, then cut crosswise.

Clean herbs right before use by shaking them quickly under cold running water and drying them on paper towels. Large bunches, such as parsley and coriander, can be washed ahead of time, wrapped loosely in a wet paper towel, and stored in a zip-top plastic bag.

Herbs can be stored in the refrigerator in a glass of water, stems down and with a plastic bag over the leaves, for up to a week, changing the water every other day.

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(Above and right) Hikers proliferate in the Golan during the hot summer days seeking the lush greenery, cascading water falls and cool pleasure of mountain springs.

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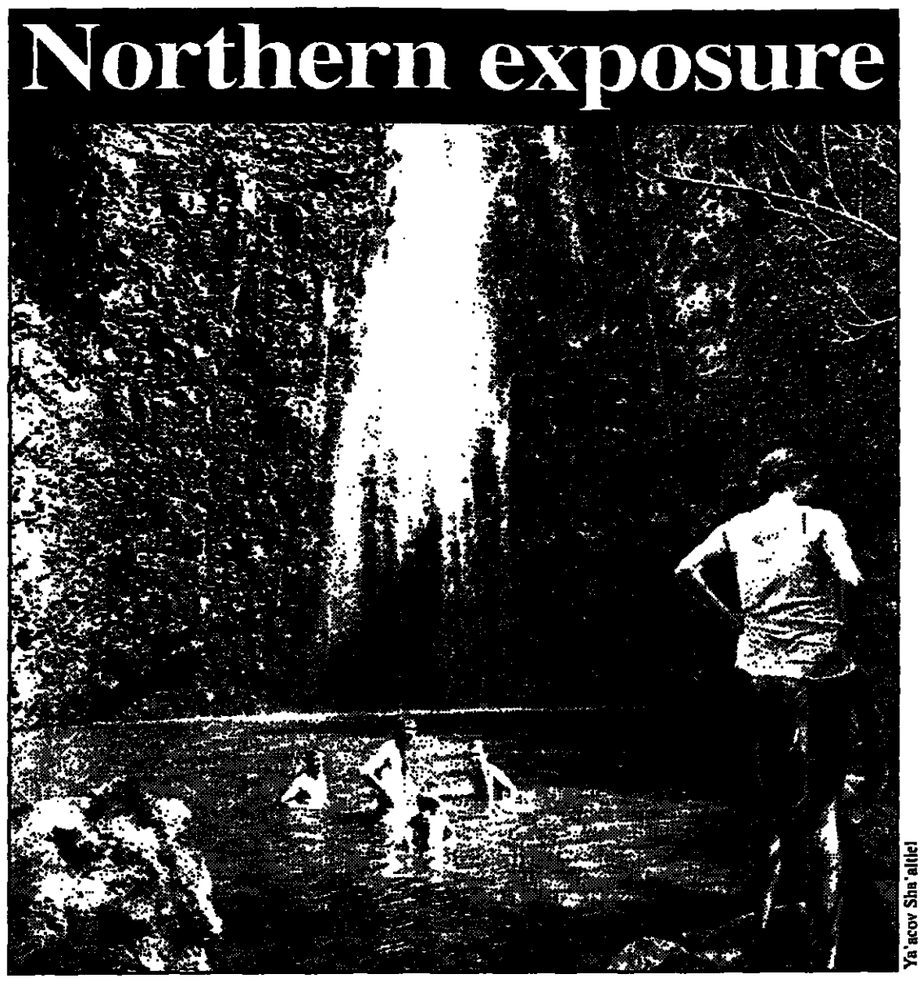
Northern exposure



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Day Tripper

By Haim Shapiro

Hikers proliferate in the Golan during the hot summer days, most of them seeking the cool pleasure of mountain springs.

Most would do well to stop at the Yehudiya Campsite before setting out on their trek.

An information center, described on the English-language map distributed by the Golan Tourist Association as the "Yehudiya Campsite," is located on Highway 87, between the Yehudiya Junction and the Ma'apilim Junction.

The facilities include running water and toilets, as well as a shaded area where you can simply relax in the breeze. Tables and benches are set up for picnics. Food can be purchased at the adjoining snackbar. There is a simple camping area for those who want to set out early in the morning, something which is not at all a bad idea if you want to avoid the midday heat.

Most important, however, are the facilities for helping hikers plan their route. The center has a clear and simple map showing 11 hiking routes that take anywhere from two hours to a full day. The map includes detailed explanations of each hike, the estimated time each takes and the degree of difficulty. Hikers are asked to inform those in charge where they are going, so that a search party can be sent out if they do not return.

The Yehudiya Forest Nature Reserve personnel hope the facilities will help prevent hiking tragedies, most of which can be avoided if proper precautions are taken.

Dudu Pero, director of the Yehudiya Forest Nature Reserve runs the new hikers' information oenter and says that there will always be cases of hikers twisting their ankles, falling from cliffs and other freak accidents. What concerns him are the tragedies caused by hikers who set out unprepared, unaware of trail markings, without knowing the route and without informing anyone of their plans.

There are the soldiers, or ex-soldiers, who vaguely remember visiting a certain spot with their unit. There are families, who besides failing to take along enough water, a hat, or comfortable walking shoes, have no idea of what is involved in reaching the spot they hope to visit. There are others who imagine that they are so tough they need no help.

UNFORTUNATELY, I was only able to take a tantalizing look at two of the destinations reachable from the information center: the Yehudiya and the Zavitan Falls.

The Yehudiya Falls trail is classified as suitable for good hikers and for those who know how to swim. The walk involves going down a ladder set in the cliffside. The access to the Upper Zavitan Falls is classified as being of medium difficulty. In both cases, I could only look longingly from above as other hikers gamboled in the water. I did manage to reach the Meshoshim Pool, also in the area. This involved a long and jarring jeep ride and a downhill walk of about 15 minutes. The swim in the pool was delightful. The water was deep, but not overly cold. At one end there was a small waterfall where you could sit and feel the water cascade over you.

I was concerned that the return uphill might be difficult, but I was happy to find that it was far less strenuous than I had feared. Perhaps I was in better shape after a cooling swim.

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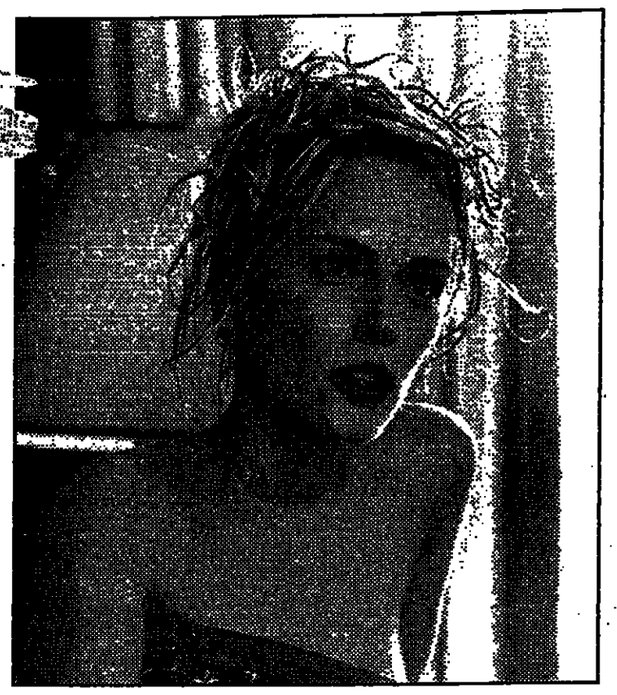

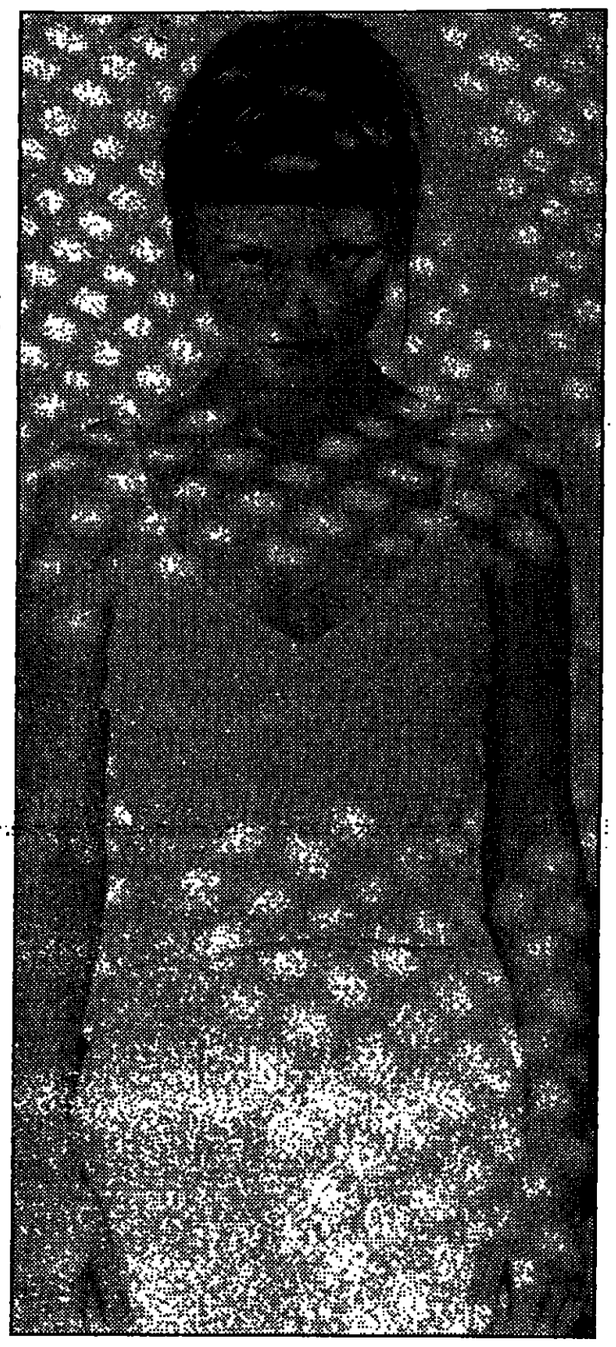

A cut above

Flair

By Greer Fay Cashman

Hairdressing guru Shuki Zikri, who cuts, colors and combs the hair of top-ranking models and leading socialites, has decreed that his new look for 1998/99 will be clean, simple, geometric and above all natural.

Premiering his creations at the height of summer, Zikri must have been consciously (or subconsciously) responding to the heat and its dis-*tressing* effects. The upshot was that some of his styles looked as if the models sporting them had just come out of the pool or the shower. The look was damp if not downright wet, and the tangled tresses went every which way.

But whether damp or dry, the cut was clever, allowing lots of versatility.

Zikri likes bangs. Some of his fringe elements hovered in a short straight line at the top of the forehead, just a smidgen away from the hairline. Others dropped lower to cover the center of the forehead and others lower still to all but curtain the eyebrows.

Hair cut on the crown in graded lengths was combed forward like a lion's mane; or lightly finger-combed to convey a slightly unkempt look.

Wisps and strands of hair were allowed to hang unevenly, as if blown that way by the wind or by vigorous exercise.

Longer styles were cut to a more even length, but were combed forward in a kind of "just-out-of-bed" look, in which the weave was untidy and hair covered half the face.

It's rather incongruous that just when fashion is becoming more romantic and body-conscious, hair now tends to be a little on the wild side. This new look also doesn't gel with Zukri's usual philosophy that hair should be part of a total look.

But then again, if clothing is unconstructed, why should hair be sculpted?

When we are coiffured in the absolute sense of the word, we become very self-conscious and it becomes a major disaster if the shape goes awry, if the curls are flattened when we sleep on them, or if the pins fall out. Whereas in casual styles, such as those now designed by Zikri, it doesn't matter if you get caught in a wind machine. All you have to do is run your fingers through your hair, then pat it gently into place, and you're fine.

As far as Zikri is concerned, a woman's hair is part of her lifestyle and since so many of us lead such hectic lives these days it stands to reason that only those with a very conventional streak will stick to sleek styling. Others won't mind looking a little untamed if it fits in with the upwardly mobile image.

AND SPEAKING of upwardly mobile, his talents with the scissors, a brush and comb, and coloring agents have propelled Zikri right into the forefront of the beauty business at home and abroad. Although he seems to have been around forever, the fact of the matter is that it's only 11 years since the 35-year-old Zikri opened his flagship salon on Tel Aviv's Ben Yehuda Street.

Snipping and styling is obviously a profitable business. Zikri now has six salons in Tel Aviv, Ramat Hasharon, Herzliya Pituah, Petah Tikva, Rishon Lezion and Jerusalem, plus three training centers in Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem. He has 150 employees and a regular client list of 25,000.

He also has a line of his own cosmetics, hair treatments, and beauty products, and he's regularly invited to show his hair designs at international hairdressers' conventions.

Hair dressing guru Shuki Zikri explores his wild side: (Clockwise from top right) Zikri creates a just-out-of-the-shower look with wet, tangled tresses that go every which way; Zikri likes bangs. These midlength bangs are cut in a perfectly straight line and drop to the center of the forehead; Longer styles are combed forward to cover half the face, creating a messy 'bed-head' look; Wisps and strands of hair are allowed to hang unevenly, as if blown that way by the wind; Bang length can range from just a smidgen away from the hairline (center); to just above the eyebrows (top left).

Bridge

The state of the game

By MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

South dealer
North-South vulnerable

North
♠A Q 3
♥K 7 5 2
♦A 9 8 7 4
♣3

West
♠J 10 9 7 4
♥J 10 9
♦3
♣Q 10 4 2

East
♠K 2
♥Q 8 6 3
♦J 5
♣K 9 7 6 5

South
♠8 6 5
♥A 4
♦K Q 10 6 2
♣A J 8

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	pass	1 ♥	pass
1 NT	pass	3 ♦	pass
3 ♥	pass	3 ♠	pass
4 ♣	pass	6 ♦	(all pass)

Opening lead: ♠J

The World Bridge Olympiad, sponsored by the World Bridge Federation, began this past weekend in Lille, France, with many of the world's best players competing for trophies and honors (no cash prizes) over the course of two weeks.

Recently much has been heard in bridge circles of the state of the game at the top. The controversy has been: Are today's champions better than the champions of previous generations? Or do they rely too much on bidding gadgets and conventions, and not enough on common sense and high-tech card play?

Many of the old-time rubber bridge players argue that the top players of today don't play their cards as well as the top players of former days because today's stars haven't had tough training at the money bridge tables. Only when you play for large sums of money – where you can't afford to make bad bids and plays – do you really learn the game.

Today, most players start out at the duplicate club, earning masterpoints, with no risk of financial loss (except, perhaps, that they are busy playing bridge instead of working for a living). Most of the top players in Israel have regular jobs and must squeeze in time to play bridge in the evenings. In many other countries, bridge pros play excessively in the afternoon as well and after midnight, till three in the morning.

One of the top money-bridge players in the world is Paul Trent, a veteran star from New York. He and his wife, Sandy, have played rubber bridge and tournament bridge for more than 30 years. Once, my wife and I played against them for practice before going to a big tournament. They mopped us up, but the practice was worth it, because the next day in the tournament our opponents were not nearly as strong, and we won the event.

Sandy recently said to me, "I would like you to write something about the state of bridge. I was *kibitzing* the Spingold teams and the team from China was playing against two of my friends, and hand after hand not one mistake in the cardplay was made. I just sat there and watched in awe."

Apparently, the state of bridge in the world has improved tremendously.

Today's deal is from that match *kibitzed* by Sandy. The American team won by a small margin, but the Chinese team scored a victory on this deal. At one table, the Americans reached five diamonds on the North-South cards and scored 11 tricks for plus 600 points. The American declarer took the spade finesse and lost two spade tricks.

At the other table, the Chinese declarer did much better. He reached the contract of six diamonds after some excellent bidding decisions by North and South, in particular North's bid of three spades and South's cuebid of four clubs.

West led the jack of spades against the slam. The declarer demonstrated technical perfection. He won the first trick with the ace of spades and led a trump to the king. Everyone followed. Declarer drew a second round of trumps as West discarded a club.

Next came the ace of clubs and a club, ruffed in dummy. Then the ace of hearts and a heart to the king, and a heart ruffed in hand. Now the last club was ruffed in dummy, and the last heart ruffed in hand. There were one trump and two spades left in each hand.

Declarer now led a spade toward dummy. West played the ten and declarer covered with the queen. East won the king, but had no more spades to play. He had to lead a club, giving declarer a ruff and sluff for his contract. That meant 1,370 points to the Chinese and a gain of 770 points on the deal.

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Chess

Kramnik falls short

By NIGEL SHORT

The world will have to wait for a Kramnik-Kasparov match, following Vladimir Kramnik's recent drubbing at the hands of Alexei Shirov in Spain.

It was a great triumph for Alexei, who will now have the honor of facing the champion himself later year.

Vlad's difficulties stemmed from his poor personal score against Shirov prior to the match and an admission that he finds Shirov an awkward and even irritating opponent (normally, one leads to the other).

To this we may add a relative weakness in match-play. One can recall two important and somewhat unexpected defeats at the hands of Kamsky and Gelfand, blemishes on an otherwise brilliant career.

Perhaps his uncharacteristic feeling of insecurity on this occasion accounted for his bizarre decision to select four analysts, Dolmatov, Sakaev, Gelfand and Lautier, according to my information. A case of too many analysts spoiling the novelties.

Shirov for his part entered that match riding a wave of recent good form. He also has an abundance of seconds, but his unique psychological make-up makes him better suited to the complexities of organizing a team of extremely disparate personalities – a task beyond most people.

Characteristic of the struggle was the third game, with the initiative in the naturalized Spaniard's hands.

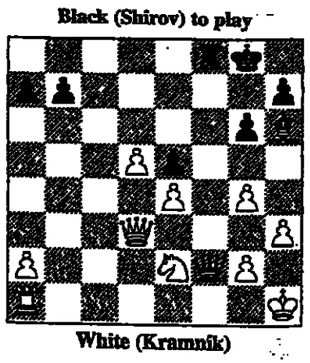
1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 d5 The Gruenfeld. Obviously prepared specially for the match.

4. cxd5 Nxd5 5. e4 Nxc3 6. bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 0–0 8. Ne2 c5 9. 0–0 Nc6 10. Be3 Bg4 11. f3 Na5 12. Bxf7+ This incredibly natural move was a mere footnote until Karpov resurrected it in the World Championship against Kasparov. Winning a pawn and damaging the opponent's king position cannot be so stupid.

12. ...Rxf7 13. fxg4 Rxf1+ 14. Kxf1 cxd4 15. cxd4 e5 16. d5 Ne4 17. Qd3 Used with devastating effect by Nenashev against Conquest in Groningen '97. It sticks in my mind because I had to console poor Stuart after this debacle.

17. ...Nxe3+ 18. Qxe3 Qh4 19. h3 Bh6 More logical that the time-consuming 19. ...b6 which I believe Stuart played. **20. Qd3 Rf8+ 21.Kg1 Qf2+ 22.Kh1**

Black (Shirov) to play



White (Kramnik)

22. ...Qe3! a pawn down, Shirov correctly judges that his chances paradoxically lie in the endgame. Both his remaining pieces are active and his king will be able to rush to the center – to neutralize White's biggest asset – his protected passed pawn on d5. Furthermore, his queenside majority will be a constant annoyance.

23. Qxe3 Bxe3 24. Rd1 Rf2 25. Ng1 Kf7! To head off the d-pawn's advance.

26. Rd3 Bb6 27. Rf3+ Ke7! 28. Rxf2 Bxf2 29. Nf3 Kd6 30. g3! 30. Ng5 Kc5 31. Nxh7 was the recommendation of almost every computer program, but after b5 White is quite possibly just lost.

30. ...Bxg3 31. Kg2 Bf4 32. Kf2 Ke5 33. Ke2 b5 34. Kd3 and Kramnik proposed a draw.

Neither side is able to undertake anything as Black must keep an eye on the d-pawn, so Shirov accepted. A well-played game, but Kramnik had to be careful not to run into trouble.

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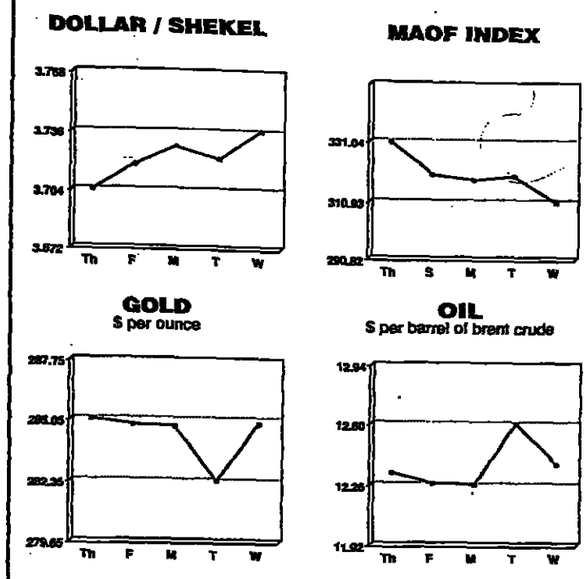

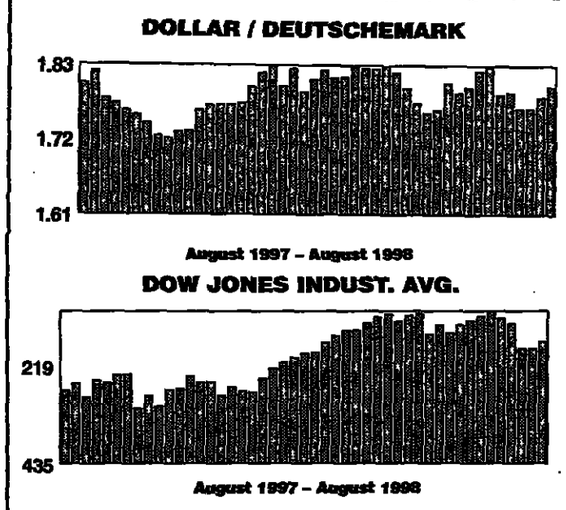

$12m. hotel to be built at Dead Sea

A $12 million hotel and health center, the Dead Sea Pearl, is to be established by AGNY on the northern Dead Sea on Kibbutz Almog land, in a joint venture between the sides, company announced yesterday.

The complex is to have 80 suites and 120 rooms and a health spa, including Dead Sea and sulfur pools. The Jerusalem-based real estate and investment group is offering suites for sale under a time-sharing scheme.

The first phase of the project, being built near the Atractzia water park, is to be ready in 2000. *Nina Gilbert*

Report: Foreign investment linked to TASE

There is a strong correlation between the holdings of foreign investors and the advance of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, according to a report published this week by Union Bank. The report shows that there is a positive correlation between overseas investments and changes in the Tel Aviv 100 index.

The bank economists noted that while foreign investors lowered their holdings in Israeli stocks to 12.2 percent from 13.5% in October 1997, when world stock markets declined, they used the opportunity in January 1998 when the TASE declined to increase their holdings. *Dan Gerstenfeld*

Lufthansa, Sabena post 1st-half profits

Deutsche Lufthansa AG, Europe's No. 2 airline, posted an implied three-fold rise in second-quarter profit as cost cuts, lower fuel prices and rising passenger traffic offset the effects of Asia's economic slowdown.

Net income rose to DM518 million, or 1.36 marks per share, from DM156m. or 0.41 marks per share, in the year-earlier period.

Pretax profit in the three months through June, excluding one-time gains, rose to DM803m. from DM377m. a year ago.

Meanwhile, Sabena SA, Belgium's national airline, returned to profit in the first half, helped by an increase in passenger traffic, cheaper fuel and linkups with discount airlines.

The airline, 49.5% owned by Swissair, posted a first-half net profit of SF59m., compared with a net loss of SF1.013 billion in the same period last year. *Bloomberg*

Minimum wage goes up

Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai signed an order yesterday increasing the minimum wage by 0.5%, to NIS 2,622.23 per month from NIS 2,609.18, in line with the cost of living increase agreement reached last week.

Minimum wage per hour is NIS 14.10. *Nina Gilbert*

Neeman, Mordechai still NIS 2.5b. apart on defense budget

Edelstein refuses to continue negotiations with Treasury

By DAVID HARRIS

The gap between the Defense Ministry's call for a budget increase and the Treasury's desire to reduce military expenditure stands at NIS 2.5 billion, a Treasury spokesman confirmed yesterday.

The two sides met yesterday in Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman's office in a bid to bridge the gap in their views on the 1999 state budget, but following the meeting Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said "the only agreement we've reached is that teams under the directors general of the Defense and Finance ministries will work around the clock until 7 a.m. on Friday to come up with some [joint] proposals."

Mordechai was not the only minister to leave Neeman's office empty-handed yesterday. Both Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani and Immigration and Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein left Neeman's bureau disappointed.

Edelstein said he had not only been refused any additional spending next year but had not even been told what his ministry's base spending package will be. Until this information is forthcoming, Edelstein said he will not negotiate with Neeman.

1999 Budget

"There's no way on the one hand we can all hope and pray that many new immigrants will arrive here in the wake of the crisis in Russia and because of other factors, when on the other hand we propose cuts that will without doubt affect their desire to come here," said Edelstein.

Neeman told him during their meeting that the additional NIS 106 million the Immigration Ministry received this year will not be added to its 1999 allotment. Neeman said the money given was purely based on one-time coalition agreements, a suggestion dismissed by Edelstein.

The dispute between Neeman and Mordechai is receiving more attention in part because of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's intervention in the issue.

Netanyahu went on the record as saying the Defense Ministry will receive a budget increase "for strategic needs."

Neeman said yesterday that "Israel deserves strong security and an answer must be provided for Israel's most essential security requirements."

However, he fell short of saying he is reconsidering his insistence that all ministries make cuts next year.

Mordechai, meanwhile, maintains he has the full backing of Netanyahu. "The prime minister has made a decision to increase the defense budget, and this basic line has been agreed to by the prime minister and finance minister to the best of my knowledge."

Mordechai is demanding a NIS 2b. increase in spending, but Neeman wants to cut military expenditure by NIS 500m.

Protest shave

Unemployed Korean men, members of the Hyundai Heavy Equipment Union, have their heads shaved at a Buddhist temple in Seoul yesterday to protest the loss of their jobs. The 300 former Hyundai employees have lived on the temple grounds for 43 days, trying to attract attention to their demoand to be rehired by Hyndai. (Reuters)

Russian ruble trading halted on 5% plunge

By RON URBAN and NATALIA OLYNEC

MOSCOW (Bloomberg) – Russian stocks and bonds plunged yesterday and the central bank halted sales of dollars to banks after the government unveiled a plan that forces investors to accept huge losses on 250 billion rubles in government debt.

The central bank's move came after the currency fell five percent to 8.26 rubles to the dollar, and Russians packed exchange houses across the country.

Banks, desperate to protect against further losses, skirted the restrictions by buying deutschemarks at a rate equivalent to 13.8 rubles to the dollar.

The central bank said it may stop buying rubles in order to prop up their value, signaling it is abandoning attempts to brake the currency's fall. That will likely further erode the confidence of Russians and foreign investors in the government's ability to stabilize the country's financial system.

The bank said it has bought $1.8 billion of rubles since August 17, the day the government said it would let the currency slide by as much as one-third this year.

The turmoil prompted a wave of panic selling yesterday morning as Russians flocked to exchange offices to swap rubles for dollars at a rate as low as 9.55 to the dollar.

Clal profits up 200%; sales down

COMPANY RESULTS

Clal Industries reported a 203 percent rise in net income in the second quarter to NIS 140.4 million compared with NIS 46.4m. last year, due to a one-time capital gain of NIS 122.5m. from the sale of holdings in ECI Telecom and Tambour.

In the first half of the year, sales of the group's companies were down 3.3%, amounting to NIS 6.4b., compared with NIS 6.6b., mainly attributed to the slowdown in the local market.

However, the company said that in most of its companies' profitability improved nonetheless, due to the implementation of efficiency measures.

In the second quarter, the company said that it continued to make changes in its holdings as part of its new strategy to focus on growth-oriented areas and improve performance in uncompetitive industries, either through international partnerships or leaving the option to eventually divest them.

During the period, Clal said it made its first investment in the biotechnology field.

Clal Industries, which has holdings in infrastructure materials, textiles and telecommunications, said in the six-month period its exports grew by 8%.

Leumi Insurance Holdings, a holding company for the Migdal Group, the country's largest insurer, reported an 85% drop in second-quarter profits to NIS 6.9m. from NIS 46.6 in the same period last year.

CEO Uzi Levy said the drop was due to heavy losses from car theft claims, in addition to losses in other property areas.

Italy's Assicurazioni Generali SpA owns 59% of Leumi Insurance Holdings.

In the first half of the year, profits were NIS 23m. compared with NIS 112m. in the first half of 1997.

The company said it had already taken measures to reduce its losses from car thefts

Treasury-Histadrut talks break down

By DAVID HARRIS

Talks between the Treasury and Histadrut aimed at preventing a general strike early next month broke down yesterday with the senior government negotiator admitting relations are worsening rather than improving.

"No progress was made today," said Wages and Labor Agreements Director at the Treasury Yossi Kucik. "In my opinion we're moving backwards, and the gaps are enormous."

The deadlock is the result of a failure to agree on the level of increase of wages in the public sector. The Histadrut is demanding a 15 percent rise, while the Treasury says the maximum it can offer is 1.25%, including the recently agreed 0.5% cost of living increase.

Any increase in real terms in public sector salaries translates into a smaller pot for education, security and health spending, said Kucik.

"I really hope that intensive negotiations next week will prevent a strike," he added. "I really hope we came reach agreement, but if we don't the government will not pay real-term wage increases."

Beit Shemesh Engines gets $8.7m. P&W contract

By NINA GILBERT

Beit Shemesh Engines announced yesterday it had signed a $8.7 million contract with Pratt & Whitney for the overhaul and maintenance of its engines used by the IAF's newest fighter jet, the F-15I.

The contract was issued under the framework of the warranty of the engines, the F100-PW-229. P&W intends to give Israel Aircraft Industries responsibility for warranty work on the controls and accessories of the engines.

In the recent delivery of F-15s, the IAF received more than 60 PW-229 engines.

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	LAST	CHANGE*
Africa Hotels	485	-2.9
Africa Israel 0.1	20900	0.5
Africa Israel 1	191000	-4.7
Agis	2370	-2.1
Al Paper Mills	13800	-2.9
Al-Rov	2870	0
Azorim	3250	-1.8
Azorim Prop.	640	-7.3
Bank Leumi 0.1	616	-3.7
Baran	2870	-1.7
Bayside 1	45100	0
Bayside 5	213800	-1.1
Bezeq	1131	-1.3
Blue Square	5100	-1.8
Bromine	3070	-6.6
Clal Electronics	55500	-2.3
Clal Industries	1990	-3
Clal Insurance	3700	-4.3
Clal Israel 1	9400	-3.4
Dan Hotels	1170	0
Dankner	1960	0
Darban	850	-2.4
Dead Sea Works 0.1	900	-0.9
Delek 0.1	11900	0
Delek Car	708	0
Development Mort	24100	-7.5
Discount Bank	419	-3.1
Discount Inv.	11020	-3.1
Elbit 0.003	856	-4
Elbit imaging	2740	-2.2
Elbit system	4630	-1.7
Elco	2340	-4.3
Elco Industries	3550	-4.2
Electra	19000	0
Electra App	2900	-4.1
Elite Ind. 1	2300	-2.2
Elite Ind. 5	11080	-0.6
Elron 0 003	5840	-1.4
FIBI 5	3140	-2.2
First Int'l 1	452	-1.8
First Int'l 5	2260	-4
First Int'l Mort	56300	0
Formula	10500	-1
General Bank	10300	1
Granit Hacarmel	750	-1.6
Hadarim Prop.	6500	-1.5
Ham-Let	1960	0
Hapoalim 0.1	942	-2.7
Harel Mishmar 1	3500	0.3
Harel Mishmar 5	16500	-1.8
I.D.B. Dev.	9310	-2.5
I.D.B Holdings	9060	-2.9
ILDC	2070	-5.8
Ind Bldgs	577	-2.3
Israel Chemicals	430	-2.3
Israel Corp 1	29600	0.3
Isrotel	693	0
Jafora	782	0
JCT	37	2.7
JEC	1914	-1.9
Kitan	390	-4.1
Knafaim	5250	-0.4
Koor	38900	-2.3
Leader	1205	0
Leumi Insurance	219	-5
Leumi Mortgage	87600	0
Liraz	3580	-0.3
Makhteshim Agan Ind.	997	-2.9
Maman	627	-2.1
Matav	4620	0
Mehadrin	12620	0.5
Mei Eden	1709	2.3
Melisaron	1124	0
Menorah Ins. 1	2150	0
Milomor	1563	-0.1
Mishkan	67200	-1.5
Mizrahi Inv.	8600	-2.3
NATSVA REGULAR	1480	0
Nice Systems	12570	-2.4
Ocif	7550	-2
Orbit	1160	-1.7
Ormat Industries	530	-1.1
Osem Industries	1850	-2.5
Petrochemicals	1865	-1.3
Phoenix Ins. 1	5800	0
Poalim Inv.	11060	-2.4
Prop & Bldg	33200	-0.9
Salt Industries	1950	-2.1
Solel Bone	4460	0
Supersol	1081	-3.4
Tadiran	13610	-2.2
Tambour	530	2.8
Tefahot	198000	-2.6
Tempo	1930	5.5
Teva	14070	-2.5
Urdan	246	-0.8
Wire and Cables	1035	-1.8
Ytong Industries	910	-2.2

KARAM — SMALL CAPITALIZATION TASE ISSUES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Boulous GD	380	0
Solomon Holdings	397	0
Abjac	*1.8*	*0*
Aburi	48.7	0
Ace-Spade	87.5	0
Ackerstein Bond B	169	-1.1
Ackerstein Ind.	580	0
Ackerstein Zvi 1	2000	4.8
Ackerstein Zvi 5	9230	3.3
adakom	36.5	0
Adanim	386814	0
Adler	105	0
Adsha	143.5	0
Adumim	222	0
Africa Hotels Bond B	97.5	0
Africa Hotels Warrant 2	62.2	-10.8
Africa Israel Hotels Bond A	137.5	0
Afsek Ind	1090	0
Agis Warrant 3	20	0
Agis Warrant 4	469	0
Agish Int'l	341	0
Agri Investments	510	-3.5
Al-Ben	102	-5.1
Al-Ben Bond A	119	0
Alhe c2	100.8	0
Alhe w6	129.8	-4
Alliance	611	0.2
Alony	291	-9.6
Alony-Hetz	518	-2.1
Alony-Hetz Bond A	256	0
Alrod	253	-0.8
Alrod Warrant 1	4.8	0
Alrov Bond D	83.8	0.7
Alrov Warrant 5	319	0
Alumir	231	0
Alumit	2097	0
Amigar	165	0
Amitec	218	9.8
Ammed Warrant 1	41.9	9.3
Amnat	678	4.9
Ampa Investments	126500	0
Analyst EMS	790	0
Angel Trade	33.7	0
Angel Trade Bond A	147	0.3
Angel Trade Bond B	117	0
Angel Trade Bond C	61.5	-0.8
Apcon	980	0
Apcon warrant 1	278	0
Applicom	3340	0
Arecell Warrant 2	509	1.8
Arad	1700	0
Arad Towels	1084	3
Arazim	105	-0.9
Arazim Bond 1	247	0
Argaman	255	0
Arkadan	1094	0
Arpal	349	0
Aryt	115	-8.1
Ashkelon Plywood	525	0
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 1	247	-0.4
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 2	127.5	0
Ashlad	373	0
Ashlad Bond A	157	0
Ashot	299	0
Ashot Bond A	166.2	0
Ashpara	84	0
Ashtrom Bond 1	*176*	*0*
Ashtrom Bond 2	154.2	0.1
Ashtrom Ind.	537	0
Ashtrom Prop.	220	0
Astrom P Bond 1	92.5	0
Astrom p warrant a	27	0
Astrum Bond C	100	0
Astrum Warrant 2	27	0
Atlon	70.5	-2.1
Atmor	2000	-5
ATX	198	-2
ATX Bond A	154	0
Azmon	225	0
Aura	3710	-3.8
Averot	370	0
Averot Bond A	182	-1.2
Averbuch Formica	545	0
Aviv	325	-2.1
Aviv Bond 1	155	0.6
Aviv Bond 2	93.5	0.5
Avner	2.2	0
Avrot Bond 2	94	0
Avrot Warrant 2	63	0
Avalon	454	0
Azimuth	445	0
Azorim Properties Bond 3	172	0
Azorim Warrant 13	550	-3.3
Azorim Warrant 5	101.9	0
Azorim Warrant A	660	0
Azorim Warrant B	750	0
Badash Bond 1	34.5	-1.4
Baltil	393	-1.5
Balentine 1	124.5	5.1
Balentine Bond A	130.5	0
Balentine Warrant 2	5.6	0
Balron	2520	-11.1
Bama'asaf	102	0
Bama'asaf Bond A	148.7	0.2
Bar	325	0
Bar Bond A	132	0.8
Barad	254	0
Barancwitz	605	-8.1
Barkan	648	-9.3
Barsol	90	0.6
Bartal	216	-7.3
Baumel Moshe	163.5	0
BaySide Bond 2	97.1	0
BaySide Warrant D	2310	0
Beit Shemesh	1610	-2.4
Belmon	352	9
Ben Yakar Bond A	174.5	0.3
Ben Yakar Bond B	87.5	0.6
Ben Yakar Gat	3263	0
Berman	174.5	0
Bezek Bond 3	117	-0.8
Bezek Bond 4	1500	-5.2
Bezek Warrant 3	0	0
Bezek Warrant Bond 3	300	-5.7
Biu	2220	0
Biu Bond A	193	0
Binar	382	-2
Bin	201	0
Bolps Bond B	84.5	0.5

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bolos gad warrant 1	44.1	0
Bonei Tichon	550	0
Bonjour	498	0
Boulous Brothers	164.9	0
Boulous Brothers Bond 1	284	0
Boulous GD Bond A	139	0
Brand	86.5	0
Brill	62	0
Brok Side	18	0
Brosh	113.5	1.8
Building Bank	1515	0
Building Resou.	3800	0
C Holdings	520	0
C Holdings Bond 5	84.5	0
C Holdings Warrant 3	1	0
Caesarea 1	5100	3.9
Cahlel	3560	-1.1
Capital	810	0
Capital Bond A	124	0.4
Caprice	395	0
Cargal	707	0
Carmel	545	0
Carmiel	457	-4
Castro	858	-1.9
Catalena 1	343	0
CDI	176.5	0.6
Cemantecal Bond A	79.2	0
Cementcal	420	1.2
Centre	130	0
Centre Bond 1	140.5	0
Cham	489	0
Cheyun Computers	131	0
Chemipal	432	-0.2
Chim-Nir	510	0
Cl Systems	165	0
Cidab	143.5	0
Clal Computers	8990	0
Clal Israel 5	0	0
Clal Retail	62763	0
Cohen Beni	120	2.5
Cohen Dev.	204	0
Cohen MM	140	0
Cold Storage 1	2000	0
Cold Storage 5	8700	-3.6
Cold Storage and Supply Bond 1	252	-3.2
Compi	138.6	2.5
Compi Warrent 1	20	0
Compulite	184.5	0.5
Comtech	413	0
Comtrans	782	0
Contal	971	0
Contractors	16812	0
Coral Beach	544	-0.9
Credit Line	3.4	0
Credit Lines Bond A	33	0
Cyclone 1	2650	-2.3
Cyclone Bond 1	254	0
Cyclone Bond 2	160.3	0.2
Datron	1729	0
Datron Bond 1	250	0
Dafin	1.4	0
Dan Rent-A-Car	750	-1.1
Dan Rent-A-Car Bond A	*158.8*	*-0.6*
Danbar 1	6000	0
Danbar 5	18280	0
Danbar Bond A	265	0
Danbar Resources	7600	0
Danbar Resources Bond B	166.5	0
Danbar Tech.	5760	-3.5
Danbar Technologies Bond A	154	0
Danel	52	0
Danel Bond A	91.5	0
Danel Personnel	2250	0
Danel Warrant 2	435	0
Dankner Bond 1	211	0
Dankner Bond 2	141	0
Dankner Bond 3	97.2	0
Denkner Warrant C	572	-3.1
Danly	495	10
Darad	100	0
DARBAN BOND 2	104.4	0
Darban Bond A	269	0
DARBAN W2	188	0
Darban Warrant 3	141	0
Darea	145.5	0
Darlon	222	1.4
Dash Investment	864	0
Data	581	0.2
Decision Systems	522	-3.4
Degem Systems	498	-0.8
Delek Drillings	11.8	0
Delek Oil	1350	0
Delta 1	3900	-0.8
Delta 3	11500	-3.6
Destiny	1049	-10
Digal	136	0
Dirom1	1226	0
Dolev	345	4.3
Dolev Bond A	140.2	0
Dolev warrant 1	35	0
Domicar	405	0
Domicar Bond	156	0
Dor Berger	400	0
Dor Chim	369	0
Dorc w1	98	0
Dorea	56	0
Dorf c1	96	0
Dori Engineering	446	0
Dori Engineering Bond A	142	0.4
Dovrat Bond A	139.8	0
Dovrat Shrem	1395	-4.6
Dovrat Shrem Warrant 3	5.1	4.1
DSL	1037	0
Dubek M	2.7	3.8
Dubek S	2.7	0
Duniz	301	0
DYG Industries	482	3.4
E & M Computing	1183	-0.6
Edgar Albani	60	0
Edgar Industries	192	-1.6
Edgar Inv. Bond C	85.9	-1
Edgar Inv. Warrant 5	22.2	-1.4
Efrat Bond A	98	0
Elni	157	-0.6
Elbam	320	0
Eltoraan	3140	0
El Bad	2000	0
El Camil	564	-0.5
El Camil Bond 1	159.5	0
Elad	500	0
Elad Bond A	172.5	0
Elad Bond B	151	0
Elad c3	78.8	1
Elad w5	29	0
Elbit Computers Bond B	121.6	0
Elbit Computers Warrant 2	20	-33.3
Eldan Tech	208	0
Electronics Line	537	0
Elgar	5370	0
Elishav	502	0
Elirech Ind.	1076	1.5
Elkam	305	-2.6
Ella	393	0
Ella Bond A	144.5	0.3
Elran	3850	-1
Elron Warrant 2	1937	-3
Emek	140	0
Emyle	700	7.1
Engel Const.	709	-3.4
ESE	3090	-2.4
Eshed Robotech	187	0
Even	406	0
Evergreen	3230	0
Evrois Warrant 1	1550	0
Excelence	1569	0
Export Inv.	870	-2.1
Extra	107.5	4.9
Feldman	168	0
Feldman Bond A	146.5	0
Feldman Ind.	257	-9.5
Feldman Warrant 3	13	0
Fertilisers 1	119	0
Feuchtwanger 1	10350	-1.4
Feuchtwanger 5	53000	0
Fideh	2394	0
Five J Jewelers	322	0
Five J Jewelers Bond 2	131	0
Formica Source	116	0
Frutarom	378	-1.6
Gahelet	15350	0
Galcom	206	-1
Galran	1098	0
Gama	200	0
Gamatronic	598	0
Gambil	1886	0
Gan ShmoelBond A	113	-3.5
Gan ShmoelWarrant 3	485	-7.5
Gan Shmuel	1353	-3.6
Ganei Hadar	440	0
Gap Development	103.8	0
Gap Holdings	229	0
Gap Warrant 2	6.3	-11.1
Gazit	665	0
Gazit Bond B	148	0
Gazit Bond C	123.5	0.4
Gibor Bond 1	65	0
Gibor Bond A	88.5	-0.2
Gibor Sabrina	62	0
Gibor Sport	512	-19.1
Gibor Warrant 2	*76*	*-26.3*
Gilboa	67.5	0
Gilio	190	0
Gittek	1820	1.1
Givot Olam Oil	77	0
Glob Rit	794	2.6
Golan	615	0
Gold	358	-0.6
Golden House	409	0
Golden House Bond 1	254	0
Golev	155.5	0
Grant Bond	151.5	-0.3
Grant Bond 2	157	0
Green Software	340	-9.1
Greenberg	1455	-3.1
H. Electronics	49.5	0
H. Mor	850	0
Habas	2458	0
Habas Bond 1	135.5	0
Hadar 1	38700	0
Hadar 5	74300	1.7
Hadar Ins. 1	671	-10.2
Hadar Ins. 5	3500	0
Hadarim Bond1	114.2	-0.5
Hadarim Warrant1	1200	-4.2
Hagal	370	0
Hagal Bond B	154.5	0
Hamokor	233	-1
Hanal	5.5	0
Harel Bond A	480	0
Hasen Esh	672	0
Hason	190.5	0
Hatchef 1	253	5.1
Hatchef Bond A	144.5	0
Hayal	1200	1.1
Hayal Bond1	80	0
Hayal Bond2	136	2.2
Hayal Warrant 1	85	0
Hed Arzi Music	353	0.8
Hiron 1	11070	0
Hiron 5	42500	0
HL Service Bond 2	185	0
HL Service Bond 3	151.5	0
HL Services	1331	0
Hod	154	0
Hol	705	0
Hofit	155	2
Home Center	7100	-1.4
Hydrolics	121.5	0
IES Industries	506	0
IES Warrant 1	97	0
Ilan Gat	118.5	0.4
Ilan Gat Bond A	149.5	0
ILDC Bond 6	261	0
ILDC Hotels	513	-5.3
ILDC Hotels Bond 1	171	-2.1
ILDC Hotels Warrant 2	110	-8.1
ILDC Insurance	450	0
ILDC Insurance Bond A	138.2	0
Imco	1063	0
Ind Bld Warrant 3	36.1	-10.8
Ind Bldgs R1	21	0
Ind Dev.Bank C	*305*	*0*
Ind.Dev.Bank CC	2350	0

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Ind.Dev.Bank CC 1	2900	-1.7
Ind.Dev.Bank Pref	1651	-1.2
Independence Mort	79100	0
Intercosma	731	0
Intergamma 1	3540	0
Intergamma 5	13000	0
Iscal	1695	0
Ispro	4000	0
Isracolor	420	-2.9
Israel Corp. 5	128500	0
Israel Lighterage Bond 3	141.2	0
Israel Wire & Cables Bond C	177.1	0
Isralom	1046	0
Isralom Bond B	270	0
Isralom Bond C	91	0
Isramco	2.5	0
Israz 1	7190	0
Isras 5	29100	0
Isras Bond A	252	0
ISTA LINES	2490	0
Itay	2440	0
Itay Bond 1	78.4	0
Itay Warrant 1	280	0
Itay Warrant 2	25	20
Jafora Bond A	170	0
Jaysour	137.5	0
Jaysour Bond A	111.5	0
JEC Bond B	94.8	0.3
Jerusalem Mort	218	0
Jerusalem Mortgage Bond 16	182.5	0
Jeunesse	30.2	0
JOEL	90	3.3
JOEL Bond 1A	220	0
JOEL Bond 2	127.6	0
JOEL Bond A	221	0
JOEL Warrant 3	1.3	0
Kadmani	140	-3.6
Kadouri	365	0
katrice bond b	91	0.5
katrice warrant 1	80.9	0
Katri	1400	2.9
Kalkalit Bond A	97.5	0
Kalkalit warrant 2	288	-2.4
Kamour	534	-2.6
Kamour Bond G	134	0
Kamsept	1097	0
Kanal Warrant G	1	0
Kanicol	30.7	0
Kanicol Bond A	41.9	0
Kardan 1	519	0
Kardan 5	2470	0
Katz	126	0
Katz Bond A	64	0
Kedem Chemicals	3690	1.8
Kedem Chemicals Bond 2	0	0
Kenitex	336	0
Kesher	800	0
Kesher Bond A	152.3	0
Keter	665	0
Kind	21.5	0
Kind Bond A	48.7	0.4
King	314	0
Kinneret	227	0
Kisch Kirur	186	0
Kishrei Teufa	1130	0
Kital	280	-7.1
Kital Bond A	152.5	0
Kital Bond A	120.8	0.3
Kill Ind. 5	7150	0
Koor Bond 5	145	-1
Kopel	262	0
Kopel Bond 1	245	0
La Nationale Bond A	139	0
La Nationale Pref	124.4	-5.3
Lachish	3150	0
Lamont	800	0
Lapidot Oil Exploration	1	0
Lapidot Oil Explorers	75	4
Lasers	350	0.9
Laviav	551	0
Laznick Bldg	444	-1.4
Laznick Comm Ctrs	156	0
Laznick Commercial Centres Bond	134.5	0
Laznick Ind Bldgs	340	0
Laznick Industrial Bldgs. Bond A	143	0
Leader Warrant B	5.3	23.3
Lego	480	0
Leumi R4	0	0
Leventhal	409	-0.2
Levi	889	0
Levi Bond A	142	0
Levi Bond B	94.5	0
Levi Warrant 2	75.9	13
Levinstein Bond A	97.3	-0.7
Levinstein Warrent 2	720	0
Levinstein	1540	0
Liber	333	2.1
Lidan	1560	9
Lifshir 1	180	0
Lifshir 5	675	0
Ligad	726	0
Ligad Bond 1	151	0
Lighterage 1	600	0
LIMS	245	0
Lipman	2800	0
Lipski	2700	-2.2
Lipski Bond A	169	0
Liraz Bond A	147.6	0
Lodan	135	-2.9
Lodzia 1	1393	0
Lodzia 4	5404	0
Luhot Gali	31.1	0
Luhot Gali Bond 1	141	0.4
Lumir	3130	0
Ma'anv	2680	-2.3
Ma'anv Bond A	136.8	-0.3
Maabarot	1322	-2.1
Macpell	871	-3.3
Macpell Bond A	141.2	0
Macpell Bond B	120	0
Macpell Bond C	78.6	-0.5
Macpell Warrant 3	49.9	-8
Mafil	790	0
Magam	138.5	-2.1
Magam Bond A	169	0.3
Magam Bond B	129.5	0
Magav	171	0
Magma	57.5	0
Magor 1	2120	0
Magor 5	9800	0
Magor hldgs. Bond B	87	0
Magor hldgs. Warrant 2	552	0
Mafal	275	0
Mall	217	0
Malibu 1	0	0
Malibu 5	0	0
Malibu Bond B	0	0
Malka	760	0
Man	77	0
Man Bond A	215	0
Mantur	24.6	0
Marathon	107	0
Marathon insured	104.9	-3.1
Mario Laznick Constr. Bond 1	170	0
Mario Laznick Constr Bond 2	153	-0.5
Maritime Bank	1475	-1.4
Maritime Bank Bond A	202	0
Maritime Bank Bond B	144.4	0
Mashav	895	0
Mashov	658	-2.9
Mashov	380	0
Mashov	161	0
Matam	1365	2
Matav Warrant 1	1374	-3.1
Maxima 1	354	0.3
Maxima 5	1594	0.3
Mazmk	734	0.1
Med. Hotels	33.5	-0.9
Medtechnica	695	0
Medtechnica Bond A	136	0
Medtechnica Bond B	85.3	0
Medtechnica Warrant 2	148.5	-6.4
Mediterranean Hotels Bond A	51	0
Megason	57.5	0
Memad	379	0
Mer Ezra	1923	-5.6
Mer Ezra Bond B	246	0
Meat	305	0
Messaron Bond B	92	0.1
Messaron Warrant 3	51	0
Menderson	215	0
Mercim	35.4	0
Menorah Ins. 5	8520	0
Mercaze	900	0
Merhav	186	-0.5
Mevtav	222	-0.4
Middle East Tube	396	0
Middle East Tube Bond A	111.4	0
Middle East Tube Warrant 2	17	0
Mianor Bond A	138.7	-1.7
Mizmar Bond B	85	-0.9
Mizmar Warrant 2	145	-3.4
Minsar	98	-1
Mini Line	546	-4.6
Mirav	13390	-1
Mirage	219	0
Mirage Bond A	137.5	0
Mirage Warrant 1	14	0
Mirom	60	0
Mishmar	19	0
Mishmar Bond 5	58	0
Mister Bond 2	148.3	0.2
Mister Hahof	370	0
Mitam	189.5	0
Mivtach Shamir	2430	-1.2
Mivtach Shamir	1401	0
Mizrahi	901	-2.1
Mizrahi warrant 1	327	-4.3
Mizrahi warrant 2	170	-9.4
MM Engineering	131.5	-3.9
MM Engineering Bond A	105	-0.5
Modgal	668	-0.1
Modiin	1.1	0
Mofet	202	1
Mofet Convertible Bond AAA	299	0
Moica	890	0.5
More Plastic Ind	295	0
Moshavot	157.9	-0.7
MTI Computers	458	0
Multi-Lock	778	-1
Mula Senter	223	0
Nachshon Fund	48.6	5.3
Naphtha	36.2	0
Naphtha Oil Exp.	28.7	0.3
Nafour	750	0
NATSVA BOND A	104.7	0
Navigator	366	0
Navigator Property	755	-0.7
Nochushtan Bond B	81.5	0
Nochushtan Prop	139.9	0
Nochushtan Properties Bond A	136.1	-0.1
Nochushtan Warrant 1	23	0
Negev Ceramics	169.5	8
Nehushtan 1	600	0
Nehushtan 5	2500	0
Neot Aviv	7100	3.9
Nesua	463	0
Neve Arbel	140.5	0
Nevom hotels	365	0
Nevot	832	0
Nia	273	0
Niavir	990	-11
Niaza	2830	2.6
Nissan	266	0
NMC	277	-6.7
Noga	1650	0.6
Noga Insurers	113	8.3
Nomen	10.9	0
Norian Tech	395	0.5
Norlon	550	0
Norlon Bond A	148	0
Nur	63	0
NYP	940	-3
Ocean	286	0
Ocif Bond A	179	2.2
Ocif Bond C	59	0
Ocif Warrant 2	725	0
Octopus	630	0
Ofek	229	-0.9
Ofer Bro	6030	0
Ofra	1155	0
[illegible]	61	0
[illegible]	460	0

	LAST	CHANGE*
Oil Fields	1.2	0
Oil-Dok	290	2.4
Omni	262	-1.1
Omnitech	175	0
Ophir	409	0
Oppenheimer	88	0
Optima	116.5	0
Orasys	2691	0
Orazil	330	0
Orazil Bond A	161	0
Orda	3630	0
Orda Bond 1	182	0
Orev	862	0
Oneli	115	0
Orlite	333	0
Orlite Bond A	94	-0.5
Orlite Warrant 2	36	0
Ormat Industries Bond D	134	0.6
Ormat Industries Warrant 5	180	0
Ortal	369	0
Otzar Hashilton	28300	1.9
Oz	217	0
Oz alde	427	-3
Packer Steel	5780	-1.9
Palbough	588	-1
PAM	577	-0.3
Parea	701	0
Paneas	2530	-7.5
Pan Dor	271	0
Pardes	711	0
Pardes Bond A	58	1.8
Pasport	2500	0
Paz Chen	450	0
PCB	1550	0
Pdan Investment	42.7	-0.5
Pereg	102.9	0
Periclase	800	-3.6
Phoenix Ins. 5	20000	0
Pica Plast	420	0
Pinros	121.5	0
Pinros Bond A	145	0
Pitilit	403	0
Plason bond a	102	-0.1
Plason warrant 1	460	0
Plasson	4010	-4.7
Plasto Sac	651	0
Plasto Sheck Bond A	88.4	-0.5
Plasto Sheck Warrant 2	99.9	0
Poalim Inv. Bond B	94.6	0.3
Poalim Inv. Warrant 3	2600	0
Poalim Investments Bond A	136.7	-0.2
Poalim Warrant 3	0	0
Point of Sale	1970	-2
Polak	239	0
Polgat A	320	2.8
Polgat B 4	1217	2.9
Polgat Bond B	0	0
Polygon	207	-0.5
Polygon Bond 2	220	0
Poraz	243	-0.8
Port	77	-1.3
Poseidon	120	0
Pri Haemek	19	-0.5
Pri Haemek Bond A	35.7	-0.6
Pritzker	216	0
Pritzker Bond A	144	0
Profit	302	0
Profit Bond A	132	0
Python	560	8.9
Quality Cap Mkts	580	0
Rabintex	258	0
Ram Zur	75.3	-5.2
Ramgor 1	277	0
Ramgor 4	685	0
Rapak	2480	-2.4
Rapak Bond A	156.7	-0.2
Rasseco	1399	-0.1
Ratio	1	0
Rav Car	108.9	0
Ravad	171	0
RDC	1136	0
RDC Bond A	144.2	0
Red Sea Hotels	820	-2.7
Regency	110	5.5
Regency Bond 1	121.1	0
Regent	357	-2
Regent Bond A	144.3	0
Rekah	400	0
Reshef	50.5	-1
Reshef Bond B	108.5	0.5
Rimoni	830	0
Rogosin	1308	-3.1
Rogozin Bond A	85	0
Rogozin Warrant B	480	0
Romtech	441	0
Rosebud	107	-1.6
Rosental	124	0
Rotem	340	0
Rotshtein	141	0
Rotshtein Bond A	133.5	0
RSL	830	0
Sadot Mop Bond A	97	-0.2
Sahar Bond a	95	0
Sahar Dev	2795	0
Sahar Securities	617	1
Sahar Warrant 1	286	0
Sanlacol	274	-1.5
Sano 1	2070	-0.5
Sano 5	11500	0
Scope	1138	0.2
Scope Bond A	92	0
Scope Warrant 2	170	0
Sea Trade	527	0
Secom	284	4.9
Securitas	803	0
Securitas Bond A	178.5	0
Sefen	1318	0
Seralon	437	-0.5
Shaked	323	0
Shamir	213	0
Shaliyah	1390	0
Shel	316	0
Shekel	134.5	0.4
Shekel Bond A	149	0
Shekem	78.5	-2.9
Shekem Barkan Bond 4	156.3	0
Shekem Bond 1	*150*	*0*
Shekem Warrant 1	1	0
Sheleg	113	0
Shem Tov	275	-1.4
Shemen	11800	3.4
Shemen Bond A	168	0
Shiadot	64.5	-0.8
Shlomo Angel	5967	0
Shmi c2	88	0
Shmi w2	216	0
Shmira	850	0
Shmira Bond A	151.7	-0.2
Shniv	639	-0.8
Shove	301	-3.3
Shtang	114	0
Shulamit	299	0
Shulamit Bond A	145	0
Sinai	422	-0.2
Sinai Bond A	143.5	0
Solel Bone Bond A	108.3	-1.8
Soll BoneR1	530	-7
Solog	593	-2
Solomon	444	0
solomon bond a	79.5	-0.6
solomon warrant 2	59.5	0
South Pipo	424	0
Spancril	257	-0.4
Spectronix 1	1300	3.7
STG	1252	-0.5
STG Bond A	110.5	0.9
Sunfrost	3936	-2.3
Suny Electronics	550	0
Synopsis	176	0
Synopsis Bond A	150	0
Syntec	440	-2.3
Taal	187	-1.1
Tachel Bond B	85	0
Tachel Warrant 3	75	0
Tadbik	282	0
Tadiran Appl	577	0
Takam	1735	0
Tal	170.1	0
Tal Bond A	83.9	0
TAP Bond 1	276	0
Tashloz bond a	124.5	-0.4
Tashloz warrant 2	262	0
Tashluz	1170	-0.9
Tashluz Bond A	169.7	0
Tashluz Bond B	137	0
Tashluz Prop.	1011	-2.1
Tashluz Warrant 2	5.8	0
Taste of Israel	163	-7.9
TAT 1	379	0
TAT 5	1327	0
TAT Bond A	245	0
Tava	803	0
Taya Comm 1	265	0
Team Computers	5670	-1.9
Technoplast	509	-0.2
Technoplast Warrant 2	705	0
Tedea	1895	-0.8
Tedea Bond A	104.6	0.7
Tedea Warrant 1	292	0
Tefahot Preferred	206300	0
Telen	1596	0
Teldor	550	-5
Telsar	1600	-6.2
Telsar Warrant 1	317	0
Teno	218	0
Teuza	235	-3
Teuza insured	242	-2.9
Tibon Veal	170	2.9
Tim Warrant 3	637	0
Tiv	408	-1.2
TMM	111.5	-2.2
Tohias	2300	6.5
Tom	307	0
Topline	545	0
Topline Bond 2	154	-0.6
Topper	25.3	0
Topper Bond 1	63.5	0
Total Compounds	345	10.4
Trade	370	-0.5
Trade Bond A	198	0
Trend Lmo	1789	0
Trocadero	24.5	0
Trydial	426	0
Tsabar	167	-5.1
Tsarfati	585	0
Tsarfati Bond A	150	0
Tsur	182	0
Tsur Bond A	251	0
Tsur Bond B	119.7	-0.3
Tsur Bond C	98.5	0
Tsur Preferred	105	-3.0
Tuttenauer	1029	0
Tzmicha	483	-2.9
Tzmicha Bond A	167	0
Ufeda	38.2	-0.5
Unibor 1	754	0
Unibor 5	784	0
Unico	3490	0
Unicom 1	53	0
Unicom Bond 1	229	0
Unidress	1580	0
United Steel	132	0
United Steel Industries Bond 1	158.1	0
Univercol	345	0
Urban Warrnt 5	139	0
Urope Israel	2930	-0.3
Vardinon	25000	0
Vardinon Bond A	154	0
Vardinon Convertible Bond AAA	151.9	-0.7
Videomatru	73.3	0
Vilar	408	0
Vilar Bond 1	152.5	-1
Vis Food	1560	0
Vilger Bond A	142.5	0
Virtalgo	393	3.4
Vitalgo Bond A	123.5	0
Vulcan	448	0
Vulcan Bond 1	235	0
Wilk Bond A	90.6	-0.2
Wilk Warrant 1	450	0
Woolfman 1	640	-1.6

*In local currencies

	LAST	CHANGE*
Woolfman 5	2990	-1.7
Woolfson	65139	-3
Ya'ane	631	0
Yaacobi	143	0
Yaad Bond A	171.5	0
Yaad Bond B	86.5	0
Yaad Industries	298	0
Yaad Warrant 3	39.5	-1
Yad	435	-2.9
Yamit	166	0
Yarden	490	0
Yarden Bond 2	123.2	0
YDPZ	248	0
YDPZ Bond A	151	0
Yeda	1505	-11
Yehuda	199.5	0
Yesh Gad	38.7	0
Yhalal	1425	-1.8
Yhalal Warrant 1	300	-16.7
Yona Bond A	158.7	0
Yona Hotels	200	0
Yozma	437	0
Yuval	125.5	-1.2
Zafrir	568	0
Zanes Holdings	54.5	0
Zarfati Bond B	91	0
Zarfati Warrant 2	67	0
Zat	103.5	0
Zehavi	145.5	0
Zeller Ablagon	445	0
Zeller Ablagon Bond A	148	0
Zeller Ablagon Bond B	129	0
Zeller Inv. Bond A	67.5	0
Zeller Inv. Warrant 1	4	-4.8
Zika 1	741	-0.5
Zika 5	3143	-0.5
Zikit 1	4700	0
Zikit 5	20700	0
Zinometal	613	0.5
Zion Cables 1	240	-0.4
Zion Holdings	13750	0
Zion Textiles	177	0
Ziv	362	-8.8
Zohar	241	0
Zoko	217	-6.1

ISRAELI SHARES ABROAD

AMEX

	LAST	CHANGE*
Am Israel Paper Mills	37.75	-0.75
Ampal American Israel	5.125	+0.125
Carmel Container Sys	7.25	0
Electro Chemical Ind	0.875	0
Emultek	3	-0.625
Etz Lavud	7.25	-0.25
Etz Lavud Cl A	5.875	0
Integrated Technology	1.25	-0.0625

NASDAQ

	LAST	CHANGE*
ACS Electronics Ltd	2.875	-0.25
Accent Software	-	-
A.G. Associates	2.75	+0
Aladdin	8.75	-0.125
Ampal	15.75	0
Arel Commun & Software	3	+0
Arel Comm & Soft Warrant	0.125	0
Better Online Solutions	5.75	+0.25
Better Online Sol Ltd 99	0.34375	0
Bio Technology General	5.125	-0.5
B.V.R. Technologies	11.25	-0.125
Checkpoint Software	22.1875	-1.875
Cimatron	2	-0.0625
Comverse Technology	46	+1.625
Crystal Systems Solutions	9.5	-0.25
D.S.P.G. Group	18	-0.5
D.S.P.T. Tech	7.125	-0.625
Data Systems Software	4	-0.0625
ECI Telecom	32.3125	-0.6875
Edusoft	5.1875	-0.25
Electric Fuel	4.25	-0.125
Electronics for Imaging	17.75	-0.125
Elbit Computers	2.1875	-0.125
Elron Electronics ord	15.5625	-0.1875
Elron Electronics Ind Ltd	4.75	-0.5
Elbit Medical Imaging	7	-0.4375
Elbit Systems Ltd	12.5	+0.0625
Eltek Circuit Boards	1.8125	-0.0625
Engel General Developers	5.9375	0
ESC Medical Systems Ltd	25.375	-0.375
Elbit Vision Systems	1.9375	+0
Eshed Robotec (1982)	0.375	+0
Formula Systems (1985)	28.125	+0.25
Forsoft Ltd	16.5	-1.5
Fundtech	14.375	+0
Galileo	11.375	-0.5
G Willi-Food	3.3125	+0
Gilat Comm Ltd	7.5	-0.375
Gilat Satellite Networks	38.8125	+0.1875
Genesis Bras	4.875	-0.625
Healthcare Technologies	1.46875	0
Home Center	18	-0.375
I.C.T.S	6	-0.375
IIC Industries	9.75	0
I.I.S. Intelligent info	0.8125	-0.125
Israel Land Develop - ADR	17	0
Indigo	3.25	-0.21875
ISG Intl Software Group	7.75	+0.125
Isramco	2.1875	+0.15625
Isramco Warrants A	-	-
Isramco Warrants B	-	-
Lan Optics	2.75	0
Logal	1.5	0
Level 8 Systems	7.875	-0.375
M-Systems Flash Disk	3.875	-0.125
Madge	3.25	-0.1875
Magal Security Systems	2.9375	-0.125
Malav	24.4375	-0.1875
Medis El	5.75	-0.125
Memco	18.25	-0.625
Mer Telemanagement	1.5	+0.125
Mercury	40.75	-1.25
Magic Software Enterprises	2.875	-0.125
Netmanage	1.25	-0.125
New Dimension Software	30.25	-0.21875
Nexus Telecomm Sys Ltd	5.25	-0.25
Nice Systems	33.0625	-1.3125
Neuro-Medical Systems	0.5625	+0
Noga Electro Mechanical	1.625	-0.40625
Nur Tecnology	2.875	+0
Opti Systems Solutions	6	+0.25
Optomedics Medical Tech	4	+0.375
Optomedics Medical Warrant	0.65625	-0.03125
Orbit/FR Inc.	3.75	-0.375
Orbotech	30.8125	-1.1875
Orckit	15.5	+0.25
Oshap Technologies	6	-0.3125
Paradigm Geophys	5	+0
Pharmos	1.875	-0.125
Point of Sale	5.25	+0.125
Rada Electronics Ind	1.28125	+0
Radcom Ltd	3.375	-0.4375
RIT Technologies	5.09375	-0.03125
RSL Communications	29.5	-2.5
Scitex Corporations	11.4375	-0.5625
Silicom	2.1875	-0.0625
Summit Design	8	-0.125
Sapiens International	6.25	-0.0625
Scanvec	3	0
Tadiran Telecomm	17.875	-0.125
Taro Pharmaceuticals Ind	4.625	+0.125
Tat Technologies	0.9375	+0
Technomatix Technologies	14.0625	-0.5625
Teva	38.125	-0.625
Top Image Systems	3.25	+0
Top Image Systyms Warrant	0.3125	0
Telodata Communications	8.875	-0.3125
Tower Semiconductor	7.03125	-0.09375
TTI Team Telecom Intl Ltd	4.9375	-0.125
TTR Inc	2.812	+0.187
TVG Technologies	0.8125	-0.0625
TVG Tech A	0.25	0
TVG Tech B	0.25	0
TVG Tech C	0.3125	0
Vocaltec	8	+0
Wiz Tec Solutions	10.625	-0.125
Zoran Corporation	7.375	-0.125

NYSE

	LAST	CHANGE*
Amdocs	10.375	+0
Blue Square	15.25	+0.125
D S P Communications	13.125	-0.3125
Elscint	7	+0
First Israel Fund	13	-0.8125
PEC Israeli Economic Corp	24.875	-0.125
Koor	20.625	-0.625
Simula Inc	11	-0.125
Super-Sol Ltd	14.3125	-0.625
Tadiran	36.375	-0.8125
Tefron Ltd	16.3125	-0.3125

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LONDON

	LAST	CHANGE*
Batm Advanced	186	+0
Dmatek Ltd	37.5	-4.5
Pilat	40	+0
S.E.A. Multimedia	5	+0

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INTERNATIONAL SHARES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Aaa	40.1875	-1.125
AMP Inc	38.75	-0.875
AMR Corp	60.125	-1.625
ASA	15.25	-1.0625
Abbott Labs	44	+0.75
Advanced Micro	17	-0.5
Aetna Life	67.625	-0.5625
Affiliated Publ	20.375	-0.125
Aflac	30.75	-0.0625
Ahmanson (HF)	54.4375	-2.9375
Air Prods	33.3125	-0.625
Alberto-Culv B	21.9375	-0.375
Albertson's	53.6875	+1.3125
Alcan Aluminum	21.375	-0.875
Allied Signal	36.375	+0.3125
Alcoa	62.5	-1.25
Amax	-	-
Amazon	127.25	-4.375
Amerada Hess	51.375	-0.875
Amer Brands	25.25	+0.125
Amer El Power	45.375	+0.125
Amer Express	97.1875	+0.3125
Amer Genl Corp	72.5	+3.375
Amer Greeting	41	-0.6875
Amer Home Pr	58.25	+0.25
Amer Int'l	89.75	-1.8125
Amer Natl Ins	98	+1
Amer Power Conv	38.5	-0.25
Amer Stores	31.6875	+0.6875
Amer T & T	56.5	-1.0625
Amer West Hldg	22.0625	-0.5
Ameritech	47.3125	-0.25
Ametek Inc	22.4375	-0.3125
Amgen	70	-0.625
Amoco	48.75	-1.25
Analog Devices	17.75	+0.1875
Andrew Corp	15.625	-0.1875
Anheuser-Busch	49.1875	-0.9375
Aon Corp	67.125	-1
Apple Computer	40	0
Applied Magnetics	5.8125	-0.0625
Applied Materials	29.5625	-1.875
Archer Daniels	15.8125	-0.375
Armco	5.25	-0.375
Armstrong World	50.5	-1.5
Asarco	18.5	-0.5625
Ascend	43.625	-1.0625
Ashland Coal	21.25	-0.625
Ashland Oil	50.8125	-0.1875
Atlantic Energy	20.1875	-0.125
Atlantic Richfld	61.0625	-2.3125
Auto Data Pro	89.625	-0.5
Autodesk	25.0625	+1.875
Avery Dennison	58.6875	-0.1875
Avnet Inc	51	-0.375
Avon Products	75	-1.125
Bairnco Corp	6.875	+0
Baker Hughes	21.0625	-0.875
Ball Corp	41.625	-2.25
Baltimore Gas	31.5	+0.25
Banc One Corp	44.25	+0.125
Bandag	31.0625	-0.9375
BankAmerica	77.625	-1.5
Bank of Boston	41.375	+0.375
Bank of New Yk	28.1875	-0.5
Bankers Trst NY	92.125	-4.75
Barnes & Noble	32.5	-1.5
Battle Mount Gd	4.6875	-0.125
Bausch & Lomb	46	-0.25
Baxter Intl	60.9375	+0.75
Bay Network	32	-0.5
Becton Dickinson	39.9375	-1.375
Bed Bath & Bynd	19.625	-0.5625
Bell Atlantic	43	-0.0625
Bell Industries	10.1875	-0.1875
BellSouth	65.8125	-2.1875
HA Belo Corp	20.1875	+0
Beneficial Corp	-	-
Bethlehem Steel	7.8125	-0.5
Beverly Entprs	8.625	-0.25
Bemet	31	+0.125
Black & Decker	51.875	-0.875
Boeing	35.625	+0.25
Boise Cascade	26.375	-0.9375
Bowater Inc	42.0625	-0.375
Briggs & Strtn	39.1875	-0.3125
Brist Myrs Sqb	112.625	+4.0625
Brit Airws ADR	81.5625	-0.375
Brit Steel ADR	19.625	-0.25
Brit Telecom	137.5	+0
Brown Group	14.5	-0.125
Brown & Sharpe	10.4375	-0.1875
Browning Ferris	35.75	-0.5
Brunswick	16.4375	-0.5625
Burlington Nthn	97.875	-1.8125
Burlington Res	32.5	-0.8125
CBS Inc	27.125	-0.75
CKS Group	16.625	-0.875
CMS Energy Corp	44.125	+0
CSX Corporation	38.6875	-0.75
Cabot Corp	23.6875	-0.125
Campbell Soup	52.5625	-0.4375
Canadian Pac	22.25	-0.3125
Capital Cts ABC	103.688	-0.4375
Capstead	3.4375	+0.875
Caremark Corp	19.5625	-0.4375
Carnival Corp	33.5	-0.375
Carolina Pwr Lt	43	+0.75
Carpenter Tech	36.25	-1.25
Caterpillar	46.5625	-1.3125
Centex Corp	42.8125	+0.1875
Central & SW	26.375	+0.375
Ceridian	56.625	-0.625
Champion Intl	38.1875	-1.125
Chmg Shoppes	4.8125	-0.0625
Chase Manhattan	64.25	+0.125
Chevron Corp	76.5	-1.6875
Chiquita Brands	11.9375	-0.625
Cholestec	5.75	+0.125
Chrysler	54.625	-1.6875
Chubb Corp	70.4375	-0.75
Cisco	103.625	-0.3125
Citicorp	133.25	-2.875
Clevd Cliffs	42.1875	-0.6875
Clorox	105.875	+0.375
Coastal Corp	29.75	-1.625
Coca Cola	79.1875	-0.9375
Coca Cola Ent	28	-1.9375
Colgate Palmolv	85.625	+1.875
Comcast Corp A	46.6875	+0.0625
Compaq	34.375	-0.25
Compute Ass Int	31.3125	-1.4375
Computer Sci	61.5	-1.25
Conagra	23.9375	-0.1875
Cons Edison	46.1875	+0
Cons Freightwys	34.3125	-1.125
Cons Nat Gas	46.9375	-0.625
Cooper Inds	46.5625	-1.4375
Coors (Adolph)	40.125	-0.25
Corning Inc	27.625	-1.125
Crane	45.75	-0.4375
Crompton Knowles	17.4375	-0.375
Crown Cork Seal	38.5	-0.3125
Cummins Engine	43.9375	-2.3125
Curtiss-Wright	46	-1.25
Cypress Semicon	7.0625	-0.1875
Cypress Mineral	10.0625	-0.375
Cytec Indust	27.9375	-0.625
DQE	36.25	+0.125
Dallas Semi	30.375	-0.875
Dana Corp	45	-1.125
Data General	10.4375	-1
Dayton Hudson	46.875	-1.375
De Beers	12.5	-0.8125
Deere	35.5625	-1.1875
Dell Computers	128.625	+4.625
Delta Air Lnes	108.938	-4.5
Deluxe Corp	31.9375	-1.0625
Detroit Edison	42.125	+0.5625
Dial Corp Del	21.0625	-0.875
Diebold Inc	25.1875	-0.4375
Digital Equip	-	-
Dillard Dep St	36.5625	-0.125
Disney (Walt)	32.9375	-1.125
Dominion Res	41.6875	+0.125
Donelley (RR)	41.625	-0.4375
Dover Corp	30.6875	-0.125
Dow Chemicals	84.125	-1.0625
Dow Jones	52.75	-1.375
Dresser	30.25	-0.5
DSC Comm	27.375	-1.9375
Duke Power	61.875	+0.375
Dun & Bradst	25.5	-0.75
Du Pont	59.5	-0.375
E G & G Corp	25.4375	-1.5
Eastern Ents	40.375	-0.125
Eastman Kodak	86.375	+0.875
Eaton Corp	60.875	-0.1875
Echlin Inc	-	-
Egghead Com	8.6875	-0.8125
Emerson Elec	62.5	+0
Engelhard Corp	20.25	-0.875
Enron Corp	47.3125	+0.0625
Entergy Corp	28.75	+0.3125
Enzo Biochem	10	-0
Equifax Inc	42.875	-0
Ericsson	23.875	-0.375
Ethyl Corp	5	+0
Exide Corp	12.4375	-0.6875
Exxon	70.375	+0
FMC Corp	57.4375	-1.375
FPL Group	64.5	+1.3125
Fedders Corp	5.75	-0.0625
Federal Exprss	51	-1.1875
Federal Mogul	50.875	-2.9375
Fed Nat Mtge	60.8125	-0.5625
First Chicago	72.4375	+0.5625
First Union	51.75	-0.8125
Fruit of the Loom	25.6875	-0.5625
Fst Union Rlty	7.1875	+0.0625
Fleet Finl Grp	73.875	+0.1875
Fleetwd Enterp	34.75	-0.25
Fleming Cos Ok	12.8125	-0.25
Florida Prog.	42.0625	+0.25
Fluor Corp	42.875	-4
Food Lion Inc	10.5625	-0.125
Ford Motor	48.375	-0.6875
Fortune Brands	31.4375	-0.5625
Foster Wheeler	13.575	-0.8125
Furniture Brands	29.25	-1.4375
Galoob Toys	8.8125	-0.4375
Gateway 2000	58.375	-1.5
GATX Corp	34.375	-0.875
GTE Corp	50	-0.125
Gannett	63.6875	+0.9375
Gap Inc Del	60.375	-3.625
Gencorp	22.0625	-0.8125
Gen Am Invest	29.625	+0.125
Gen Dynamics	47.0625	-0.0625
Gen Electric	90.4375	+0.125
Gen Mills	64.1875	-0.6875
Gen Motors	63.875	-0.625
Gen Motors H	42.0625	-0.4375
Gen Public Util	39.1875	+0.5625
Gen Reinsurnce	232.875	-3.125
Gen Signal	39.8125	-0.875
Gen DataComm	2.9375	-0.3125
Genuine Parts	32.625	+0
Georgia Pac	47.125	-1.6875
Germany Fund	16	+0.625
Gillette	44.875	-1.9375
Glaxo ADR	62.0625	+0.5625
Golden W Finl	80.75	-1.3125
Goodrich (BF)	33.4375	-0.625
Goodyear Tire	51.5	-1.4375
Grace (W&R)	14.625	-0.4375
Grainger (WW)	41.75	-0.8125
Grt Atl Pac Tea	27.0625	-0.6875
Grt Central Mine	1.9375	-0.375
Gulf Canada Res	3.25	+0
Halliburton	30.9375	-0.75
Hanna (MA)	13.875	-0.3125
Harcourt	53.6875	-1.8125
Harley Davidson	34.5625	-1.1875
Harnischfeger	16.875	-3.375
Harrah's Ent	17.1875	-0.75
Harris Corp	37.125	-0.8125
Hanson Corp	40.0625	-0.8125
Hartmax	7	-0.0625
Hasbro	36.75	-1
HBO & Co	28.25	+0.3125
Health Care Ppt	33	+0.125
Hecla Mining	4.4375	+0
Heinz (HJ)	54.0625	-0.9375
Helix Technol	12.25	-1
Hmrch & Payne	18.625	-0.3125
Hercules	28	-0.9375
Hershey Foods	66.8125	+0
Hewlett Packard	54.75	-0.1875
Hilton Hotels	22.75	-0.25
Hirsch Int	3.25	-0.125
Hollinger	16.1875	+0
Home Depot	45.75	+0.375
Homestake	10.3125	-0.1875
Honeywell	74.625	-4.4375
Hormel (Geo)	29.3125	+0.125
Household Ind	41.0625	-1.3125
Houston Inds	29.4375	+0.125
Humana	13.0625	-0.625
IBM	130.75	+2.3125
Illinova Corp	26.6875	+0
Illinois Tool	56.0625	-2.125
INCO	9.625	-0.1875
Ind Comm Bank	13.1875	+0.0625
Ingersoll Rand	42.5	-0.5625
Inland Steel	23.75	-0.8125
Intel Corp	88	-1.40625
Intergraph	6.5	-0.25
Interlake	3.5625	-0.1875
Intl Flav & Fr	41.75	-0.5
Intl Multifoods	19.4375	-0.3125
Intl Paper	41	-1.9375
Interpublic	64.6875	+0
Jefferson Pilt	59.25	-0.1875
Johnson & J	76.875	+0.875
K Mart	15.9375	-0.75
Kaiser Alum	7.5625	-0.125
Kellogg	31.875	-0.0625
KLA Instruments	28.1875	-0.9375
Kennametal	29.625	-0.1875
Kerr-McGee	42	-1.5625
KeyCorp	30	-0.1875
Kimberly-Clark	40.9375	-0.4375
King World Prod	24.875	-0.0625
Knight Ridder	51	+1.1875
Kroger	50.8125	-1.25
LSI Logic	13.8125	-0.3125
Legget & Platt	24	-0.375
Leucadia Natl	29.75	-0.25
Lilly (Eli)	77.125	+2.8125
Limited Inc	26.25	-0.375
Linear Technol	57.9375	-1.125
Lincoln Nat	92.75	+0.6875
Litton	50	-0.5625
Liz Claiborne	31.25	-0.6875
Lockheed Corp	95.8125	-1.6875
Loews Corp	86	-0.5625
Lone Star	68.5625	-0.625
Longs Drug Strs	33.4375	+0
Loral Corp	22.25	-0.5
Louisiana Pacif	21.5625	+0.25
Lowe's Co Inc	41.8125	-0.4375
Lucent Tech	87.375	+0.375
Lubrizol	23.6875	-0.625
Madge	3.25	-0.1875
MCI Commun	63	-1.4375
Mallinckrodt	24.625	-0.1875
Manor Care	29	-1.1875
Mapco Inc	-	-
MarketSpan Corp	29.0625	-0.0625
Marriott	31.8125	-0.6875
Mrsh & McLn	54	-1.5625
Marvel	-	-
Masco Corp	28.75	-1.1875
Massmutual Corp	23.875	+0
Mattel Inc	38.0625	-1.875
May Dept St	65.8125	-0.125
Maytag Corp	46.1875	-1
McDermott	22.75	-1.25
McDonalds	64.25	-1.9375
McGraw Hill	82.3125	+0.3125
McKesson Corp	85.75	+1.75
Mead Corp	30.9375	-0.375
Medtronic	60	+0.6875
Mellon Bk	58.4375	-1.9375
Mentor Graphics	7.8125	-0.1875
Merck Inc	133.375	-0.125
Meredith Corp	39.0625	-1.25
Merrill Lynch	64.625	-1.6875
Micron Technol	29.375	-0.6875
Microsoft Corp	112.563	-0.25
Millipore	22.75	-1.3125
Mine Safety App	77.1563	+1.53125
Minnesota Mine	74.125	-1.3125
Mitchell Energy	15.8125	-0.1875
Mobil Corp	70.875	-2
Mobile Telecom	-	-
Molex Inc	23	-0.8125
Monarch Machi	8.125	-0.4375
Monsanto	62.1875	-0.4375
Morgan (JP)	117.938	-2.9375
Morton Intl	24.4375	-0.375
Motorola Inc	49.875	-0.75
Murphy Oil	39.375	-0.875
Nacco Inds	99.875	-2.625
Nalco Chemical	31.375	-0.25
Nashua Corp	15.375	-0.125
NationsBank	69.125	-1.5
Natl City Corp	62.25	+0.0625
Natl Semi	10.75	-0.1875
Natl Serv Ind	47.6875	-1.375
NatWest Bank	112	-4.25
Navistar Intl	25.9375	-1
Netscape	26.5625	-1.25
New England El	40.5	+0.5
News Corp	26.8125	-1.375
NY State El Gas	-	-
NY Times	30.625	-0.75
Newmont Mining	16	-0.875
Niag Mohawk	15.5625	+0
Nicor Inc	38.9375	-0.0625
Nike Inc	37.375	-1.9375
NL Industries	23.75	+0.0625
Noble Affil	25.875	-0.75
Nokia	76.4375	-1.3125
Nordstrom	35.0625	-2.5625
Norfolk Southrn	29.6875	-1.1875
Northeast Util	15.4375	-0.3125
Northern Telecom	54	-0.8125
Novell	11.625	-0.3125
Nthn State Pwr	27.0625	+0.125
Northrop	67.375	-3.1875
Norwest Corp	31.875	+0.125
NSI	0.5625	+0
Occidental Pet	21.125	-0.6875
Ogden Corp	24.9375	-0.625
OEA	9.8125	-0.9375
Ohio Casualty	38.6875	-0.9375
Olin Corp	31.3125	-0.6875
Omnicom Group	55.625	-1.625
Oneok Inc	31.5625	-1
Oracle Systems	23.8125	-0.3125
Oryx Energy Co	14.375	-0.5
Oshkosh B'gosh	43	-1.625
Overseas Ship	14.125	-0.375
Owens Corning	41.1875	-2.375
PNC Financial	46.6875	-0.6875
PPG Industries	57.875	+0.25
Paccar Inc	42.5	-1
Pacificorp	22	+0.0625
Pac Enterprises	-	-
Pac Gas & Elect	31.5625	+0.125
Pall Corp	22.375	-0.0625
Parker Drilling	4.6875	-0.125
Parker Hannifin	29	-0.4375
Payless Shoe	50.8125	-2.5625
Penney(JC)	57.0625	-1.125
Pennsyl Pwr Lt	24	+0
Pennzoil	41.5	-1.625
People's Energy	35.25	+0.25
Pepsico	34.125	-0.875
Perkin Elmer	63.6875	-1.25
Pfizer	108	+1.5
Pharmacia & Upj	46.1875	-0.3125
Phelps Dodge	48.9375	-2.625
Philadel Elec	32.875	+0.8125
Philip Morris	44.0625	+0.3125
Philips Elec	70.5	-2.125
Phillips Pet	43.5	-1.75
Phycor Inc	8	-0.25
Pioneer Hi Bred	36.875	+1.6875
Pitney Bowes	53.4375	+0.0625
Policy Mgt Sys	43	-2.3125
Polycom	12	+0.5
Potash Corp	56.625	-2.375
Potomac El Pwr	24.5625	+0.0625
Procter & Gamble	82.875	+0.0625
Promus Hotel Cor	33.5625	+0.375
Pub Svc Enterpr	35.9375	+0.875
Pug Snd Pwr	26.25	-0.125
Quaker Oats	56.625	-0.6875
Qualcom	51.5	-1.875
Quanex Corp	24.1875	-0.25
RJR Nabisco	22.0625	-0.8125
Ralston Purina	27.875	-1.125
Rank Orgnsn ADR	9.875	-0.375
Raychem Corp	31	-0.375
Raytheon A	48.25	-0.4375
Raytheon B	49.5625	-0.0625
Reebok Intl	16.8125	+0.125
Republic NY	50.125	-1
Reynolds Reyn A	14.375	-0.5625
Reynolds Metals	54.0625	-0.4375
Rite Aid Corp	44.375	-0.1875
Rockwell Intl	35.5	-0.375
Rohm & Haas	93.875	-2.1875
Rouse	30	-0.25
Rowan	11.25	-0.9375
Royal Dutch	44.25	-0.8125
Rubbermaid	27.625	-0.1875
Ruddick	16.0625	-0.25
Russell Corp	32.125	-0.125
Ryder System	26	-0.625
SPS Technology	47.8125	-0.875
Safeco Corp	43.375	-1.875
Safety-Kleen	9.4375	+0
St Paul's Cos	33.375	-0.5
Sara Lee Corp	49.4375	+0.0625
Schering Plough	101.875	-0.25
Schlumberger	51.9375	-2.3125
Scientif Atlanta	21.4375	-1.375
Scripps	49.9375	-1.6875
Seagate Tech	23.1875	-0.875
Seagram	34	+0.0625
Sears Roebuck	53	-0.875
Sempra Energy	25.625	-0.125
Sensormatic Elec	8.5625	+0.25
Sequent Computer	8.375	-0.21875
Service Corp I	37.375	+0.625
Service Master	33.875	-1
Shell Trans	34.125	-0.125
Sherwin Wllms	26.8125	-0.125
Shoney's Inc	3	-0.0625
Sigma Aldrich	27.0625	-0.9375
Silicon Graphics	11.375	-0.125
Skyline Corp	28.375	-1.3125
Smith Intl	21.6875	-0.6875
SmKline Bchm A	60.1875	+0.4375
Snap-On-Tools	28.75	-1.75
Sonat	30.5	-0.8125
Sonoco Prods	28.1875	-0.5625
Sony Corp ADR	76.75	-2.5
Southdown	52.6875	-1
Southern Co	27.375	+0.375
Sth N. Eng Tel	69.375	+0.1875
Southw Airlines	20.5	-0.5625
SBC Sthwstn Bell	40.3125	+0.3125
Spring Inds	34.75	-1.1875
Sprint Corp	71.6875	-0.1875
Standard Prods	26.375	-0.125
Stanley Works	41.75	-0.8125
Stone Container	12.6875	-0.375
Storage Technol	31	-3.0625
Stratus Comp	31.5	-0.875
Sun America	2.1875	+0
Sunbeam Corp	9.4375	+0.3125
Sun Company	36.25	-0.4375
Sundstrand	49.5	-0.625
Sun Microsystems	46.5625	-0.5625
Sunshine Mining	0.75	+0
Suntrust	61.25	-1.1875
Supervalu	22.25	-0.5625
Symantec	19.75	-0.75
Sysco Corp	21.375	-0.8125
TJX Cos Inc	26.8125	-1
TRW Inc	44.1875	-1.875
Tab Products	10.625	0
Tandy Corp	62.5625	+0.5625
Telecom Corp	37.1875	-1
Telefonos de Mex	37.875	-0.875

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Telef De Espana	124.5	-5.875
Temple Inland	50.4375	-1.5625
Tenneco	32.5625	+0.125
Tenet Health	27.5625	-0.25
Teradyne	20.8125	-1.3125
Tesoro Pet	15.5625	-0.4375
Texaco	59.1875	-0.875
Texas Instruments	56.1875	-1.1875
Texas Utilities	42.875	+0.375
Textron	71.25	-0.4375
Thiokol	-	-
Thomas & Betts	36.3125	-1.1875
ThreeCom	29.25	-0.75
Time Warner	90.5	-0.5
Times-Mirror	60.625	+0.25
Timken	20.25	+0.0625
Torchmark	39.4375	-0.4375
Tosco Corp	25.6125	-0.875
Toys R Us	19.9375	-0.6875
Transamerica	113.5	-2.0625
Transco Energy	56.625	-1.25
Travellers Grp	54.625	-0.5
Tribune	67.25	-0.0625
Triton Energy	14.5	-1.0625
TWA	7	-0.0625
Tyco Intl Ltd	62.625	+0.75
Tyler	7.75	+0.1875
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UAL Corp	68.75	-1.125
USG Corp	49.4375	-1.25
UST Inc	27.5	+0.1875
USX Marathon	28.9375	+0.125
USX-US Steel	21.625	-1.875
Ultramar Diam	26.625	-0.625
Unicom Corp	35.75	+0.25
Unilever PLC	37.375	-0.125
Unilever NV	68.5375	-0.25
Union Camp	40	-1.5
Union Carbide	44.3125	-1.5625
Union Pacific	43.125	-0.75
Unisys Corp	33.625	-1.125
USAIR Group	66.5625	-2.6875
USF&G Corp	-	-
US Home	33.875	-1.5625
US Surgical	46.625	+0.25
US Trust	69.875	-1.125
US West	52	+0.25
United Tech	82.875	-3.1875
Unocal Corp	33.625	-1.3125
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VF Corp	42.8125	-0.9375
VMRX Pharmaceutic	1	-0.0625
Valero Energy	21.3125	-0.375
Varian Assoc	40.8125	-0.125
Viacom Inc	55.75	-1.375
Vishay	12.25	-0.4375
Vulcan Materials	117.25	-1.5
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Wachovia	82.3125	-0.6875
Walgreen	49.9375	+0.0625
Wal-Mart Stores	69.0625	+0.5625
Warner-Lambert	77.125	-1.625
Wash Gas Light	23.6875	-0.25
Washington Mutu	32.875	-1.875
Washington Post	534	+2.0625
Waste Mgmnt Inc	50.9375	-0.875
Watkins-Johnson	21.75	-0.375
Wells Markets	36.5	-0.0625
Wells Fargo	311.563	-0.6875
Wendy's Intl	21.6875	-0.4375
Westvaco	22.75	-0.5
Weyerhaeuser	38.9375	-0.4375
Whirlpool	53.375	+0.75
Whitman	18.8125	-0.3125
Williams Co	27.3125	-1.5
Winn Dixie Stos	39.6875	-0.5
Woolworth	10.5625	-0.375
World Comm	52.1875	-0.6875
Worthington Ind	14.1875	+0.8125
Wrigley	83.5	-1.5
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Xerox	101.563	-2.6875
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Yahoo	96.875	-0.625
Yellow Freight	13.4375	-0.6875
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Zero Co	-	-

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Allied Domecq	530	-8.5
BAT Inds	630	-15.5
BT	332	-16
BTR	148	-2.5
Barclays	1535	-40
Bass	910	-36
Boots	1000	-34
British Airways	499	-6
Comm Union plc	996	-21
Diageo	639	-23
General Electric	450	+5
Glaxo	1865	-23
Halifax	720	+0
HSBC (75p shs)	1338	-28
ICI	685	+1
Land Securities	892	-4.5
Lloyds Bank	767	-20.5
Marks & Spencer	339	+2
NatWest Bank	1146	-55
Prudential	855	-12
Reuters	558	-14.5
Sainsbury	506	-17.5
Shell Transport	342	-5.5
Tyco Intl	3600	-50
Unilever	576	-1.5
Zeneca	2366	-32

PARIS

Accor	1431	-24
Air Liquide	823	-37
Alcatel Alsthom	1094	-36
Euro Disney	9.45	-0.2
Moulinex	117.2	-10.5
Paribas	540	-28
Pernod Ricard	408	-10.9
Peugeot	1075	-38
Saint Gobain	915	-40

FRANKFURT

	LAST	CHANGE*
Bayer	70	-1.8
Daimler-Benz	175	-4.5
Lufthansa	45	-2.3
Mannesmann	172	-0.75
Metallgesellschaft	32.4	-1.55
Volkswagen	139.5	-3.9

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 26-AUG-98)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	Last	Change
Sal (Basket) (1)	3.9707	0
U.S. Dollar (1)	3.736	0
British Pound (1)	6.1147	0
Deutsch Mark (1)	2.0684	0
French Franc (1)	0.6169	0
Japanese Yen (100)	2.583	0
Swiss Franc (1)	2.484	0
Canadian Dollar (1)	2.4045	0
Italian Lira (1000)	2.0969	0
Jordanian Dinar (1)	5.2864	0

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	8523.35	-79.3
DJ Transport	2945.34	-78.94
DJ Utils	284.25	-0.22
DJ Comp	2654.94	-31.3
NYSE Indust	670.45	-6.48
NYSE Transport	435.63	-10.17
NYSE Comp	539.56	-5.45
S&P 100	536.79	-3.88
S&P Spot Index	1084.18	-8.68
Israel Index	220.41	-3.1

OTHER MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	5545.4	-102.6
Tokyo Nikkei	14866	-206.9
Singapore all-share index	279.94	+4.73
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	7834.4	-55.6
Israel Index	220.41	-3.1
Paris CAC 40	3913.17	-116.15
DAX	5371.76	+136.88
Madrid	938.1	+15.81
Swiss Market Index	7212.4	-177.1
Sydney	2608	-19.7
Milan	1471.33	+29.82

DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

	Last	Change
Pound: spot	1.6382	-0.0007
Sep.future (CME)	1.6366	-0
D-mark: spot	1.8068	+0.0063
Sep.future (CME)	0.5543	-0.0021
S-franc: spot	1.5054	+0.0039
Sep.future (CME)	0.6654	-0.0008
Yen: spot	144.14	-0.09
Sep.future (CME)	0.006962	+6e-005
CanDlr: spot	1.5655	+0.0167
Sep.future (CME)	0.6381	-0.0071
AusDlr: spot	0.5649	-0.0124
Sep.future (CME)	0.5635	-0.0135
F-franc: spot	6.055	+0.0235
It Lira: spot	1782	+5.85
Nlg: spot	2.0371	+0.0067
AusShlg: spot	127126	0
Rand: spot	6.375	+0.1
ECU: spot	1.0939	-0.0038

US COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Sep) (CEC)	1535	+23
Coffee (Sep) (CEC)	120.25	-3.55
Wheat (Sep) (CBOT)	245.25	-2.25
Soybean (Sep) (CBOT)	531.25	-5.75
Sugar (Oct) (CEC)	7.53	-0.4
Orange juice (Sep)(CEC)	112.65	0
Crude Oil (Dec)(NYMEX)	14.08	-0.19
Bonds Sep.future	125.75	+0.25
S and P Sep.future	1087.5	-9

LONDON COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Sep) (LCE)	1032	+13
Coffee (Sep) (LCE)	1661	-17
Brent crude oil (Dec)(IPE)	-	-

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

	Last	Change
Silver: spot	4.96	-0.08

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

	Last	Change
Gold (Dec)	285.9	-1
Silver (Sep)	4.985	-0.045
Platinum (Oct)	362	0
Palladium (Sep)	282.4	-5.5
High-grade copper (Sep)	0.734	-0.0055

LONDON METAL FIXES

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	282.5	-1.4
Gold PM fix	283.15	+0.1
Silver fix	496.5	-10.7

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date
(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)
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TASE slides on Russian woes

Tel Aviv

The TASE's Maof index of leading shares fell to a five-month low, led by banks and insurers, as investors reduced their holdings in emerging markets on concern Russia will only repay a third of its $32 billion debt.

Shares in Bank Leumi, the nation's second-largest bank by assets, fell 3.6 percent to 6.16 shekels, pushing the Maof Index of the 25 largest companies down 8.71 points, or 2.73 percent, to 310.60. All 25 shares on the index fell.

Analysts said investors are fleeing emerging market and European equities on concern they'll lose more than expected under Russia's proposal to exchange ruble government debt for new bonds.

"Israel is suffering along with Europe and other emerging markets," said Yuval Raviv, an analyst at Societe Generale Securities and Trading in London. "People who invest in Russia also invest in other emerging markets, including Israel, and they need their cash now."

The biggest losers were shares in the nation's largest banks and insurers, which account for more than a quarter of the capitalization of the index and have been among the most favored by foreign investors this year.

Shares in Leumi Insurance Holdings Ltd., the nation's largest insurer, dropped 4.78% to 2.19 shekels after it posted a higher-than-expected drop in second-quarter profit because of losses recorded in its non-life insurance business.

Asia

Japanese stocks fell for the fourth time in five days on concern opposition in parliament to government financial bills will stymie action on repairing Japan's frayed banking system.

Banks such as Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Ltd. and Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan Ltd. paced the decline. Opposition parties, which boycotted today's debate on the bills, will meet the ruling Liberal Democratic Party tomorrow.

"People are worried about a deadlock in parliament," said Kotaro Aoki, a strategist at Ichiyoshi Securities Co. "So they're minimizing their risk exposure by getting rid of bank shares while this drags on."

The benchmark Nikkei 225 stock index shed 206.90 points, or 1.37%, to 14,866.03, its lowest since August 17.

The broader Topix index of all companies listed on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, heavily weighted with banks, fell to a seven-month low. The Topix slid 15.37 points, or 6%, to 1,147.21, its lowest since January 13.

Nikkei 225 index futures for September delivery traded in Osaka fell 220 points to 14,850; those traded in Singapore lost 235 to 14,845.

Losers outpaced gainers by 937 to 217 on the first section. An estimated 412 million shares traded on the first section, surpassing the six-month daily average of 411 million shares.

Europe

A chill descended on European markets yesterday as Russia reeled from a plunging rouble, a banking system close to collapse, and an evaporation of investor confidence after its debt restructuring.

In London, the FTSE 100 closed at 5545.4 points, down 109 or 1.93%. Frankfurt's Xetra-DAX was down 159.41 to 5247.62, a drop of 2.95%, while in Paris, the CAC-40 closed at 3913.17 points, down 116.15 or 2.88%.

"Between Russia and ongoing fears of Asia, it almost seems as if the end of the world is going to happen," said Peter Cardillo, director of research at Westfalia Investments.

The sharp drop on the German exchange relected German banks' large exposure to Russian debt.

Shares in Deutsche Bank fell five percent after Standard & Poors took away its prized AAA credit rating, cutting it to AA+ on concerns over profitability and cost structure.

In Spain, fears that Latin America may catch the emerging market cold added to the Russian worries, dragging banks down most. The IBEX index finished 3.6% lower.

Swiss shares were particularly weak, ending 2.4 percent down in derivative-led trading, and amid worries about the markets exposure of Credit Suisse's CSFB unit. (Reuters)

Wall Street

Stocks fell sharply yesterday, extending a late sell-off that smothered Tuesday's rally, as global markets were rattled anew by another day of discouraging developments in Japan and Russia.

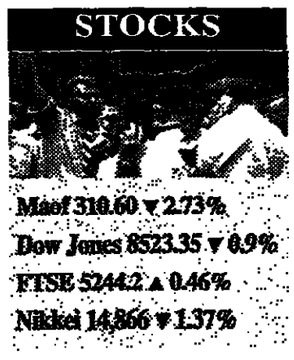
The Dow Jones industrial average finished 79.30 points – or 0.9% – lower at 8,523.35 after sliding as much as 135 points in the morning.

Broader indicators also posted steep losses as the persistent stream of unsettling news from overseas overshadowed a report showing that orders to US factories for long-lasting goods unexpectedly rose in July.

The Commerce Department said orders for goods expected to last at least three years rose 2.4% to $187.5 billion. The data far exceeded forecasts by analysts, who had expected the economic turmoil abroad to keep growth in orders at a standstill.

The Standard and Poor's 500 fell 8.66 to 1,084.19, and the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index fell 30.08 to 1,768.09.

The NYSE composite index fell 5.45 to 539.56, and the American Stock Exchange composite index fell 13.03 to 633.83. (AP)



Dollar rises on concern Russian crisis worsening

The dollar rose against the deutsche mark after the Russian government canceled today's ruble-dollar trading and announced a plan that forces investors to take huge losses on $32 billion of ruble-denominated debt.

Troubles in Russia tend to hurt the mark because Germany is its biggest lender and trading partner. Also, investors often buy dollars as a refuge in times of global financial and political turmoil

"The debt restructuring is going to deal a huge hit to portfolios" with Russian holdings, said Chris Iggo, currency strategist at Barclays Capital. "It's clearly negative for Germany" and the mark, he said.

The dollar rose to 1.8069 marks from 1.7994 late Tuesday in New York. Against the yen, the dollar eked out gains, rising to 144.35 yen from 144.14. The US currency briefly gave up some gains in early trading in New York after US stocks plunged.

Russia suspended ruble trading against the dollar after its currency fell almost 5 percent, to a record low of 8.26 to the dollar, though it didn't suspend trading against the mark. The ruble's implied value plummeted to a record 13.80 per dollar, based on the ruble's rate of 7.60 per mark on the Moscow Interbank Currency Exchange, according to currency traders, and the current dollar-mark rate.

The ruble fell after Russia unveiled a plan to swap about 250 billion rubles ($32 billion) of government debt for new bonds, leaving investors with 30 cents on the dollar or less.

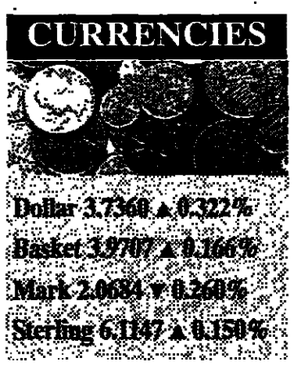
Concern is growing that Russia's crisis could spread to Eastern Europe, which gets about 8% of German exports.

News of the plan prompted a sell-off in Eastern European currencies, including the Czech koruna, Polish zloty and Hungarian forint.

Along with the debt restructuring, Russia announced last week it would allow the ruble to weaken by as much as a third to 9.5 to the dollar by year-end. It's currently worth about 8.26 to the dollar.

In Japan, resistance from opposition parties to the government's proposed financial bills heightened concern the country may fail to quickly clean up its banking system, which is saddled with problem loans worth as much as $1 trillion.

Even so, traders said they were reluctant to buy dollars on concern Japan will sell dollars for yen, to halt the Japanese currency's almost 10% decline versus the dollar this year. (Bloomberg)



Sugar falls to 10-year low

White sugar futures in London hit the lowest levels since February 1988 yesterday after running into a fresh wave of selling, traders said.

Nearby October hit a life-of-contract low of $228.50, which technical analysts said was the lowest since the $215 touched in February 1988.

"The world and his mother have been selling whites," said a trader, explaining there was too much sugar around and not enough off-take.

Cocoa firmed amid industry buying and a lack of renewed speculative and fund selling, traders said.

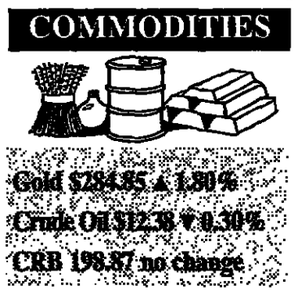
"There is a suggestion of some industry interest around and some talk about a little bit of offtake. There's been some demand in the physical market so that may have helped and a lack of renewed spec selling saw the market consolidating in the recent decline," said one trader.

Coffee closed down on trade selling and hedging of origin coffees, traders said.

"We thought we saw some fund buying and when November got up over 1,625 we all had selling. It's all against shipper price fixing and hedging of origin coffees and that's why it has come back down again from the highs plus the fact that New York has turned around a little bit today as well," said one trader.

Some traders said measures by the Brazilian government to curb a three-week customs strike, which helped drive coffee prices to two-week highs on Tuesday, weighed on sentiment.

Brazil's Federal Customs Agency said late Tuesday that all Brazilian imports and exports would be cleared within 12 hours beginning yesterday once computerized documentation was presented to its managerial staff, who by law cannot strike. (Reuters)



US bond yields near record lows

US bonds were little changed yesterday, with yields near record lows, while notes climbed as financial tumult in Russia and tumbling equity markets drove investors to US government debt as a refuge.

"Flight to quality is the main theme" driving US yields lower, said Robert Alley, who manages $2.5 billion of bonds at Houston-based AIM Advisors Inc.

The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond rose 2/32, or 63 cents per $1,000, to 101 5/32, to yield 5.42%, down 1 basis point. Yields fell as low as 5.38% on Friday, the lowest since the government began regular sales of the securities in 1977. Two-year note yields fell 4 basis points to 5.11%, while five-year yields fell also 4 basis points, to 5.07%.

Investors are flocking to Treasuries, seen as the least risky securities, as a haven from financial and economic crises in Asia, Russia and Latin America.

"Everybody wants dollar-based assets" with so much turbulence in the rest of the world, said Dan Busiel, an analyst and bond salesman at NationsBank CRT Services in Chicago.

Declines in the stocks in Europe and the US added to Treasuries' appeal. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell more than 100 points amid concern the financial problems in Russia, Asia, and emerging markets will crimp company profits.

Thirty-year bond yields aren't reacting to the recent news as much as their shorter-term counterparts because "there is a little rate protest going on," with long-term yields so low, said George Adell, a trader at Philadelphia-based Starboard Capital Markets. "People will try to buy the 30-year if it backs up to 5.5%."

All government securities maturing out to 2028 now yield less than the Federal Reserve's 5.5% target for overnight lending between banks. Some investors say that suggests the Federal Reserve's next move may be an interest-rate cut.

Traders paid little heed to a government report showing durable goods orders rose a bigger-than-expected 2.4% in July, after rising a revised 0.2 percent a month earlier.

"There are too many other things going on that people aren't going to pay any attention to these numbers," said Pat Gray, head of institutional Treasury trading at US Bancorp Investments in Minneapolis. "It's all the other problems globally that are driving our market." (Bloomberg)

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.770	4.800	5.090
Pound sterling (£100,000)	5.550	5.540	5.620
German mark (DM 200,000)	2.180	2.280	2.700
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.060	0.190	0.560
Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (26.8.98)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	BANKNOTES Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.9434	4.0071	—	—	3.9707
U.S. dollar	3.7091	3.7690	3.64	3.83	3.7360
German mark	2.0584	2.0896	2.02	2.12	2.0684
Pound sterling	6.0735	6.1716	5.96	6.26	6.1147
French franc	0.6135	0.6234	0.60	0.64	0.6169
Japanese yen (100)	2.5619	2.6033	2.51	2.64	2.5837
Dutch florin	1.8240	1.8535	1.79	1.88	1.8340
Swiss franc	2.4708	2.5107	2.42	2.55	2.4840
Swedish krona	0.4431	0.4503	0.43	0.46	0.4466
Norwegian krone	0.4636	0.4711	0.45	0.48	0.4672
Danish krone	0.5406	0.5494	0.53	0.56	0.5426
Finnish mark	0.6762	0.6872	0.66	0.70	0.6800
Canadian dollar	2.3904	2.4290	2.34	2.47	2.4045
Australian dollar	2.1281	2.1625	2.09	2.20	2.1473
S. African rand	0.5862	0.5957	0.53	0.60	0.5849
Belgian franc (10)	0.9975	1.0136	9.98	1.03	1.0027
Austrian schilling (10)	2.9232	2.9704	2.87	3.02	2.9399
Italian lira (1000)	2.0849	2.1188	2.04	2.15	2.0969
Jordanian dinar	5.2167	5.3009	5.12	5.50	5.2864
Egyptian pound	—	—	1.05	1.14	1.1582
ECU	4.0833	4.1289	—	—	4.0848
Irish punt	5.1612	5.2445	5.07	5.32	5.1904
Spanish peseta (100)	2.4234	2.4625	2.38	2.50	2.4388

*These rates vary according to bank. **Bank of Israel.

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SCHOOLS

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"I call on parents and school parent associations to check whether the institution to which they send their children meets the ministry's safety criteria. If safety hazards were not fixed during the summer, they should not send their children to that school," Lachman said.

But a ministry spokesman rejected claims the ministry had not done enough on school safety, saying it had taken a series of steps to address the problem, and that "we are doing all that we can to guarantee maximum safety for the pupils."

On other issues, association officials said cuts in the ministry's budget, including some 15% in enrichment programs and help for the underprivileged, means more crowded classrooms.

One Jerusalem principal was allegedly told by her supervisor to allow up to 44 pupils in a classroom, four above the maximum, although the supervisor refused to put in writing.

A ministry spokesman denied such cuts were being made, however, and said classes would not exceed 40 pupils.

"We live in a democratic country, and we demand equality," Lachman said after the conference.

"It's unacceptable that a child within a Shas education framework get more [education] hours than in the state system, or that they have long school days with meals and transportation, while our children don't have the same conditions.

"It's up to the education minister to see to it that there are equal conditions. If not, the system will crumble from within."

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SPORTS

in brief

Sri Lanka take on England at the Oval

After a summer-long pace-blitz against South Africa, England's cricketers face one last trial before the Ashes campaign – against the spin of Muttiah Muralitharan in a one-off Test against Sri Lanka today.

Muralitharan is the leading spinner this year with 52 wickets (avge 19.96) in seven Tests. The leading wicket-taker is South African paceman Allan Donald, who has 66 wickets, including 33 against England in five Tests this summer.

England vice-captain Nasser Hussain has been ruled out of the Test with a groin injury, while Steve James, who made his Test debut at Lord's, has been called up as a cover up for Mike Atherton. (AP)

Three British athletes face ban for drugs

English track cyclist Gary Edwards was suspended from next month's Commonwealth Games yesterday after failing a drug test and two British weightlifters also faced possible doping ban.

An English Commonwealth Games Council spokeswoman confirmed the English athletes were Edwards and weightlifter Paul Supple.

The *Times* and *Daily Mail* newspapers identified the Welsh athlete as weightlifter Andrew Goswell.

Edwards and Supple were found to have excess levels of testosterone in the A-samples of their urine specimens.

The *Times* reported Goswell's sample allegedly showed traces of the anabolic steroid Stanozolol – the same drug Canadian 100-meter sprinter Ben Johnson tested positive for before he was stripped of 100m gold medal at Seoul. (AP)

Rangers threaten against Salonika

Rangers may lodge a protest with Europe's governing body over the behavior of Greek fans in Tuesday's UEFA Cup qualifying match in Salonika.

Rangers drew 0-0 in the second-leg game and advanced to the first round of the UEFA Cup. Officials of the Scottish club said they were bombarded during the game by a barrage of objects apparently thrown by Salonika supporters. (Reuters)

Maccabi Tel Aviv defeats UConn 91-69

Perennial national champions Maccabi Tel Aviv defeated the visiting University of Connecticut 91-69 Tuesday in the college team's first of four friendly games in the country.

The game was played in front of 1500 spectators at Hadar Yosef arena. (AP)

Goodnight, sweet prince: Rios out of Hamlet Cup

COMMACK, NJ (AP) – Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil won a South American showdown, upsetting Marcelos Rios of Chile 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) in the opening round of the Hamlet Cup.

Rios, the tournament's top seed, lost his second match in as many days. He lost his ranking as the top-ranked player in the world on Monday.

Rios has lost three of his last four matches since parting with Larry Stefanki, his coach.

Rios was ranked No. 1 for six weeks earlier this year.

In another upset, Hicham Arazi of Morocco beat seventh-seeded Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia 5-7, 6-3, 7-6 (7-2).

The tournament's No. 2 seed, Patrick Rafter of Australia, broke Javier Sanchez's serve in the final game Rafter, 25, is 22-3 with three tournament titles over the last 10 weeks, with five matches won over top 10 opponents, including Pete Sampras.

Pilot Pen International

A business-like Steffi Graf dismantled Henrieta Nagyova of Slovakia 6-1, 6-3 to advance to the quarterfinals of the Pilot Pen International women's tournament in New Haven, Connecticut.

Graf, tournament's No. 4 seed and the winner of 21 Grand Slam singles titles, pounded Nagyova deep with powerful, sideline-hugging groundstrokes. She won the first set in 20 minutes, breaking the No. 24-ranked Nagyova twice.

Graf, 29, is in the midst of a comeback bid, with the Pilot Pen her ninth tournament. Ranked 38th in the world, she has reached the semifinals three times this year.

Graf will face the winner of last night's match between Russian Anna Kournikova and Amanda Coetzer of South Africa.

In the day's biggest upset, Amelie Mauresmo of France beat countrywoman Nathalie Tauziat, 7-6 (7-4), 6-0. Mauresmo, who is ranked No. 32 in the world, said she was not surprised to beat the fifth-seeded Tauziat, the Wimbledon finalist who is ranked No. 9 in the world.

In other matches Tuesday, Chanda Rubin beat Elena Likhovtseva of Russia 3-6, 6-3, 6-1, and qualifier Virginia Ruano-Pascual beat Anne Miller 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.

Rubin will next face Wimbledon champion Jana Novotna, the tournament's No. 2 seed.

BASEBALL

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McGwire narrowly missed homering in the first, flying out to the fence in straightaway center.

Padres 5, Phillies 3

In Philadelphia, Ken Caminiti homered twice, Mark Sweeney went 4-for-4 and Kevin Brown (17-4) pitched seven innings of five-hit ball to tie Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine for the NL lead in wins.

Reds 10, Cubs 9

Sammy Sosa drove in three runs to tie for the major league lead in RBIs at 129 but failed to homer as the Cubs lost on the road.

Sosa, whose 51 homers are second in the major leagues behind Mark McGwire, was 3-for-5 with two strikeouts.

Sosa is tied with Texas' Juan Gonzalez for the RBIs lead.

Rockies 11, Brewers 6

Todd Helton broke a 6-all tie in the seventh with a two-run double after host Colorado overcame a 6-1 deficit.

Giants 7, Mets 3

Barry Bonds and Ellis Burks homered as host San Francisco overcame Mike Piazza's three-run homer in the first.

San Francisco won its fourth straight and pulled within a game of New York in the NL wild-card race as the Mets, starting a nine-game West Coast trip, lost their third consecutive game.

Dodgers 4, Expos 3

Dave Mlicki (7-6) allowed two runs and seven hits in 6⅔ innings, and Eric Karros's sacrifice fly broke a 1-1 tie in the bottom of the sixth.

Jeff Shaw got his 38th save as LA stopped a three-game slide. streak.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Kansas City 000 000 000–0 3 0
Toronto 100 000 20x–3 6 0
Haney, Bones (7), Evans (8) and Fasano; Clemens and Fletcher. W–Clemens, 16-6. L–Haney, 5-6.

Minnesota 000 112 000–4 10 1
Tampa Bay 000 000 001–1 7 1
F.Rodriguez, Trombley (6), Aguilera (9) and Stalnbach; Arrojo, Yan (7), Meclr (8), R.Hernandez (9) and Flaherty. W–F.Rodriguez, 4-2. L–Arrojo, 11-11. Sv–Aguilera (32). HRs–Minnesota, Ortiz (8), M.Cordova (10), Meares (6).

Oakland 000 001 100–2 7 0
Boston 200 000 10x–3 10 0
Rogers, T.J.Mathews (7) and Hinch; Wakefield, Lowe (7), Swindell (7), Gordon (9) and Varitek. W–Swindell, 4-5. L–Rogers, 12-6. Sv–Gordon (37). HRs–Oakland, Blowers (11). Boston, D.Lewis (7).

Seattle 100 021 000– 4 12 2
Cleveland 001 503 10x–10 11 0
Swift, Ayala (5), McCarthy (7), Slocumb (7) and J.Oliver; Nagy, T.Martin (6), Shuey (7), D.Jones (8) and S.Alomar. W–Nagy, 11-9. L–Swift, 10-8. HRs–Seattle, Segui (17). Cleveland, M.Ramirez (31).

Baltimore 000 010 003–4 7 1
Chicago 020 000 40x–6 11 0
Mussina, Mills (7), P.Smith (8) and Holles; Fordham, Bradford (5), Howry (7), Foulke (9) and Kreuter. W–Bradford, 2-0. L–Mussina, 12-7. HRs–Baltimore, Becker (2). Chicago, F.Thomas (24), Belle (39).

Detroit 300 221 000–8 16 0
Texas 010 001 203–7 12 2
B.Powell, M.Anderson (7), Runyan (7), Brocail (8), To.Jones (9) and Bats; Stottlemyre, Lewine (4), D.Patterson (8) and I.Rodriguez. W–B.Powell, 3-4. L–St. tlemyre, 3-2. HR–Texas, W.Clark (19).

Anaheim 001 002 400–7 12 0
New York 202 000 110–6 17 2
Olivares, Watson (4), P.Harris (7), T.Wilson (8), Percival (8) and Walbeck; Irabu, Stanton (7), Buddie (7), M.Rivera (9) and Posada. W–Watson, 6-7. L–Stanton, 4-1. Sv–Percival (36). HR–New York, O'Neill (19).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

San Diego 030 010 001–5 9 0
Philadelphia 001 002 000–3 5 0
K.Brown, Miceli (8), Hoffman (9) and C.Hernandez; Schilling, Gomes (8), M.Lefler (9) and Estalella. W–K.Brown, 17-4. L–Schilling, 12-12. Sv–Hoffman (42). HRs–San Diego, Caminiti 2 (26). Philadelphia, Jefferies (8).

Atlanta 000 101 000–2 7 0
Houston 110 001 00x–3 9 0
Millwood and J.Lopez; Hampton, B.Wagner (9) and Ausmus. W–Hampton, 10-6. L–Millwood, 14-8. Sv–B.Wagner (25). HR–Atlanta, J.Lopez (27).

Florida 000 000 310–4 6 1
St. Louis 010 100 010–3 6 1
Medina, Pall (8), Alfonseca (8) and Knorr; Osborne, Acevedo (9) and Lampkin. W–Medina, 1-1. L–Osborne, 3-3. Sv–Alfonseca (7). HRs–Florida, Gonzalez (1), Knorr (1). St. Louis, Polanco (1).

Milwaukee 000 330 000–6 13 2
Colorado 010 005 50x–11 11 0
Karl, Weathers (6), De los santos (8) and Matheny; Kile, DeJean (8), Veres (7), McElroy (9) and Manwaring. J.Reed (7). W–Veres, 2-1. L–Weathers, 4-5. HRs–Milwaukee, Loretta (4), Matheny (5). Colorado, Echevarria (1).

Chicago 102 004 200–9 10 1
Cincinnati 113 300 20x–10 12 1
Tapani, Wengert (4), Mulholland (6), F.Heredia (8) and Servais; D.Reyes, Sullivan (3), Remlinger (6), Hudek (6), G.White (8) and Taubensee. W–Hudek, 5-5. L–Mulholland, 3-5. Sv–G.White (3). HR–Chicago, Gaetti (12).

Montreal 000 100 110–3 10 0
Los Angeles 000 012 10x–4 6 2
Thurman, M.Batista (6), Bennett (7), Urbina (8) and Henley; Mlicki, Radinsky (7), Shaw (9) and C.Johnson. W–Mlicki, 7-6. L–Thurman, 2-3. Sv–Shaw (38). HR–Montreal, V.Guerrero (32).

New York 300 000 000–3 7 2
San Francisco 101 113 00x–7 12 1
R.Reed, Cook (6), McMichael (7), Wendell (8) and Piazza; Ortiz, R.Rodriguez (8), Nen (9) and B.Johnson. W–Ortiz, 2-3. L–R.Reed, 15-8. HRs–New York, Piazza (24). San Francisco, Bonds (27), Burks (18).

Pittsburgh 000 222 300–9 11 1
Arizona 110 003 010–6 10 0
Lawrence, McCurry (6), M.Williams (6), Christiansen (7), Loiselle (9) and Kendall; Sodowsky, Ford (5), Michalak (6), F.Rodriguez (8), Small (7), Embree (9) and Miller, Stinnett (9). W–Lawrence, 1-0. L–Sodowsky, 2-5. Sv–Loiselle (16). HRs–Pittsburgh, F.Garcia (8). Arizona, D.White (19), Miller (3).

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CRITICS' CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AIZENSTADT

Trombonist Haim Avitzur, trumpet player Richard Berlin, horn player Michal Mussak and pianist Gabriela Talrosa perform music by Vivaldi, Bozza, Blacher and Poulenc tomorrow at noon at the Targ Center in Ein Kerem, Jerusalem.

Tomorrow at 11 a.m. at Ticho House in downtown Jerusalem you can enjoy chamber music by Brahms, Tchaikovsky and Hindemith performed by cellist Kiril Michanovsky *and pianist Natasha Gantovsky.*

Samuel L. Jackson stars in Quentin Tarantino's 'Jackie Brown.'

MUSICAL

HELEN KAYE

The Age of Aquarius is past, but due to popular demand the Beit Zvi production of the '60s musical *Hair* is being given an extra performance. At the Ramat Gan Theater tomorrow at 3 p.m and on Saturday at 8:30 p.m. (Hebrew)

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★ JACKIE BROWN – Bad boy pop-culture hero Quentin Tarantino's new film should come as a surprise both to the director's fans and his detractors. While there are plenty of his trademark elements at play here – the endless, braggy talk about guns, the far-fetched paperback plot (based on Elmore Leonard's novel *Rum Punch*) and the reliance on cranked-up Motown to create mood – the movie also ventures out onto richer and more mature emotional turf than one expects of the director, and the results are at times quite compelling. For all its funky trappings, JB is really a meditation on loneliness and the possibility of passionate middle-aged love. Tarantino finds a fascinating, quietly sexy set of leads in Pam Grier (former star of '70s "blaxpoitation" pictures) and one-time B-movie hero Robert Forster. Also with Samuel L. Jackson, Robert DeNiro and Bridget Fonda. (Children under 17 not admitted without an adult)

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:05 Andriessen: Variations on a Theme of Couperin; Gaubert: 3 Pieces for Piano, Flute and Cello; Haydn: String Quartet op 76 no 5
7:07 Mozart: Sonata in F major for Piano and Violin K376; Bach: Cantata no 82a - Ich habe genug
8:05 Rossini: Sonata in B flat major for Strings; R. Strauss: Till Eulenspiegel; Prokofiev: Piano Concerto no 5
9:05 Mozart: Symphony no 36 K425 "Linz"; Schubert: Arpeggione Sonata in A major; Mahler: Symphony no 3
12:00 Noon with Gideon Hod
14:06 Leonard Bernstein – 80 years since his birth. Works by Bernstein and Puccini
16:00 Boccherini: Quintet no 3 for Flute and Strings; Beethoven: Rondo in B flat major; Rubra: Soliloquy for Cello and Orchestra; Schubert: Rondo in A for Violin and Orchestra
18:00 Leonard Bernstein – 80 years since his birth. Puccini: La Boheme – opera in 4 acts – acts 2, 3 and 4; Mahler: Adagietto – from Symphony no 5; Bernstein: Prelude, Fugue and Riffs
20:05 From the Recording Studio – Eldad Neumark, piano. Mozart: Rondo in D K485; Schubert: Impromptu in C minor op 90 no 1; Mendelssohn: Variations Serieuses op 54; Brod: The Mediterranean Sea, Rhapsody op 28; Goldschmidt: Variations on a Palestinian Shepherd's Song; Gershwin: 3 Preludes
21:00 Clouds, Celebrations and Sirens
23:00 Art of the Song - Songs of Schubert composed from 1820-21

■ RADIOWEST

CNN news on the hour followed by RadioWest local news
6:00 Morning Drive (until 9:00) – with Marc Berman
7:30 English Newspaper Headlines
7:45 Sports Update with Danny Gewirtz
8:08 Lion's Trust Financial Update
9:00 Morning Brunch (until 12:00) – Music with Sharon Wagner
10:00 Legal Eagle – attorney Larry Dub
12:00 Music "Back to Back"
13:00 Windows on the World
13:30 Pick of the Hits with Donna Abraham
16:00 Afternoon Drive (until 19:00) – with Aaron Katsman
17:45 Sports Update with Danny Gewirtz
18:00 The Barak Moore Show – call-in talk radio
19:00 Oldies Music & Trivia with Telsha Bader and Larry Gamliel
20:45 Jerusalem Post Sports – tomorrow's sports tonight – with Joe Hoffman and Ori Lewis
21:00 Staying Sane – Dr. Miriam Adahan
22:00 WestRock – Red Beard
1:00 Late Night Music

■ BBC WORLD SERVICE

6:00 News
6:05 World Business Report
6:15 Sports Roundup
6:30 Insight
6:45 Off the Shelf: No Full Stops in India, part 6
7:00 The World Today
7:30 Outlook
7:55 Music Brief
8:00 The World Today
8:30 Bringing Up Baby
8:45 Waveguide
9:00 News
9:15 Insight
9:30 Meridian Books
10:00 News
10:15 Off the Shelf: Anna Karenina, part 19
10:30 Composer of the Month
11:00 News
11:10 Pause For Thought
11:15 Performance
11:30 The Multitrack Sessions
12:00 News
12:05 World Business Report
12:15 Bringing Up Baby
12:30 Physics Made Simple
12:45 Sports Roundup
13:00 Newsdesk
13:30 Discovery
14:00 Newsdesk
14:30 Waveguide
14:45 F.O.O.C.
15:00 News
15:05 World Business Report
15:15 Britain Today
15:30 Record News
15:45 Sports Roundup
16:00 Newshour
17:00 News
17:05 Outlook
17:30 *Multitrack: X-Press*
18:00 News
18:05 Sports Roundup
18:15 Westway
18:30 The Vintage Chart Show
19:00 Europe Today
19:30 World Business Report
19:45 Britain Today
20:00 News
20:15 Insight
20:30 Record News
20:45 Sports Roundup
21:00 Newsdesk
21:30 A Green History Of The Planet
22:00 News Summary
22:01 Outlook
22:25 Pause For Thought
22:30 John Peel
23:00 Newshour
00:00 News

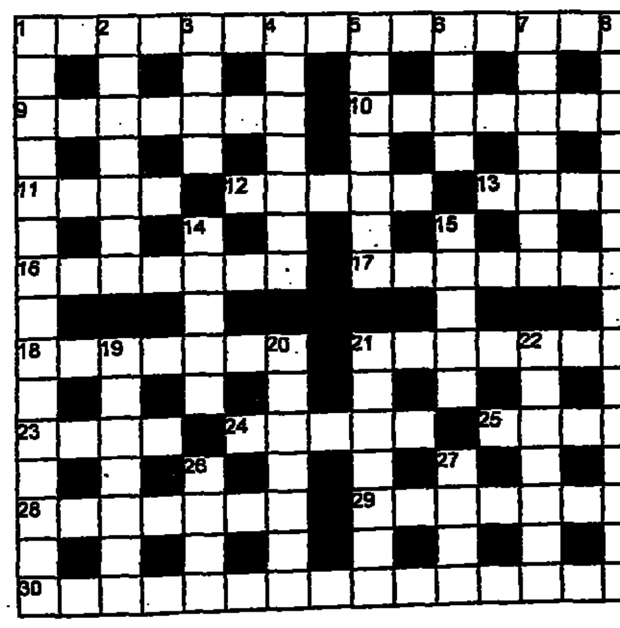
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

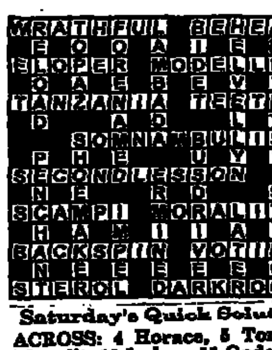
1 One of the great all-rounders (15)
9 Love to be on night shift (7)
10 Rebuke about the degree of alcohol (7)
11 It is made in a churn (4)
12 US spies capture the Spanish girl (5)
13 Some *curates park* at back part of church (4)
16 Their produce is dispensed at local pumps (7)
17 He made engravings of boar and wild hart (7)
18 The *only* thing an exhausted army can beat? (7)
21 He produces a pass when charged (7)
23 What dogs do around trees (4)
24 Employment exchange? (5)
25 A lot disturbed by a raised voice (4)
28 Doesn't hurry from *Estoril* (7)
29 Immigrant's salary is right (7)
30 *No straightforward* sort of flight (6,9)

DOWN

1 May be seen and heard in a Kentish garden (10,5)
2 Desert folk struggle to succeed (3-4)
3 Some ammunition for a body of troops (4)
4 Gold pieces, but not regular currency (7)
5 Film with a feel-good *finish* (7)
6 Intervals quietly employed in empty talk (4)
7 He swears he's a soldier (7)
8 Further instruction in drinking? (9,6)
14 Joiner's instrument gives angles that aren't right (5)
15 Silver corroded quartz (5)
19 Ends an academic period in Italian capital (7)
20 Drives along American throughways (7)
21 Cake and wine (7)
22 Raising one's hat to a girl presents a problem (7)
26 A twist of fate brings you Greek cheese (4)
27 A better mark (4)

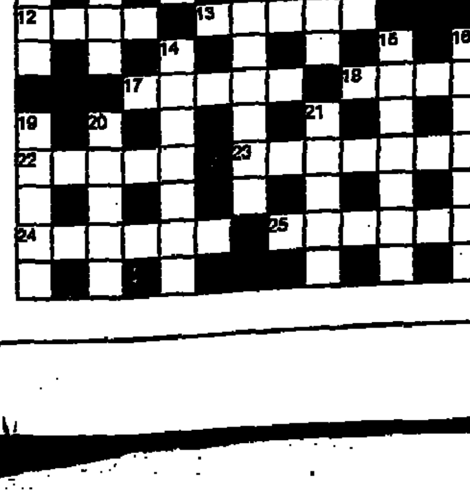


SOLUTIONS



Saturday's Quick Solution
ACROSS: 4 Horace, 5 Tory, 7 Moonlit, 10 In-law, 11 Godsend, 12 Vesta, 14 Skinner, 15 Hippo, 16 Rummage, 20 Admit, 21 Inhibit, 22 Wage, 23 Giant. DOWN: 1 Wring, 2 Acrid, 3 Bounder, 4 Hoof, 6 Yeasty, 8 Lock out, 9 Tsunami, 10 Inveigh, 13 Window, 14 Springy, 17 Angle, 18 Eilat, 19 Wilt.

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

7 Alliance (6)
8 Associates (6)
10 Fruit (7)
11 Din (5)
12 Chance (4)
13 Propagate (5)
17 Sphere (5)
18 Fiesta (4)
22 Condiment holder (5)
23 Copse (7)
24 Wealth (6)
25 Flag (6)

DOWN

1 Distinctly (7)
2 Whimsy (7)
3 Gathering (5)
4 Loot (7)
5 Inflexible (5)
6 Pale (5)
9 Quality (9)
14 Rattling noise (7)
15 Deficient (7)
16 Design (7)
19 Twenty (5)
20 *Midday* meal (5)
21 Emulate (5)

TV

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV (11)

8:00 Animation
9:45 Enigma
10:10 Hot Shots
10:35 Wayne Manifesto
11:00 Okavango
11:25 Hot Science
11:50 Platius
12:00 Vacation Time
12:45 Hanni's Vacation
14:30 Star Trek: Deep Space 9
15:15 Spaceship Earth

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

15:30 *The Big Prize*
15:33 X-Men
16:00 Anne of Green Gables
16:59 New Evening
17:34 Anne of Green Gables – contd.
18:15 News in English
ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Nature by Design
19:00 News
HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 *The Thin Blue Line*
20:00 News
20:10 Talk of the Day
20:25 Are You Being Served?
21:00 News
21:40 Summer at Jubilee
23:00 Dream On
23:30 News
00:00 Time For Language

■ CHANNEL 2 (22)

6:45 Today's programs
6:55 On the Edge of the Shelf
8:00 Animation
8:30 The Rainbow Children
9:00 Rivka Michaeli
9:55 Rich Man, Poor Man
10:50 Ivanhoe
11:45 Enchanted Voyage
12:30 Genie and the Captain
13:00 Spellbinder
13:30 *Home and Away*
14:00 Calculated Risk
14:30 Sesame Street
15:00 Major Dad
15:20 Roseanne
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
16:50 Different Driving
17:00 Five with Rafi Reshef
17:30 Fresh Prince of Bel Air
18:00 Danielle Steel – Daddy
19:00 Buffy The Vampire Slayer
20:00 News
20:30 Shemesh
21:05 Bat Yam – New York
21:46 Moonstruck (1987) – a young Italian American widow is about to marry an older man who is still tied to his mother's apron strings, but then falls for his younger brother. With Cher and Nicolas Cage
23:50 Faith
00:00 News
00:10 Faith – contd.
00:59 Screen Test
1:50 Storytellers' Festival
2:48 Wahl Festival
3:40 Song for the Day

■ JORDAN TV (31)
(unconfirmed)

15:00 Holy Koran
15:10 Classic Animation
15:30 Australian Birds
16:00 Fan Club
16:30 Dreaming in Blue Waters
17:00 Treasure Seekers
18:00 Burnt Bridge
19:00 Le Journal
19:15 French Series
19:30 News Headlines
19:35 My Big Brother Jake
20:00 Great Romances
20:30 Dr Quinn
21:00 Oprah Winfrey Show
22:00 News in English
22:30 Movie
00:00 You Can't Rush Love

■ MIDDLE EAST TV (24/27)

14:30 Body Electric
15:00 Basic Training
15:30 The 700 Club
16:00 Larry King
17:00 Popeye
17:20 Sonic the Hedgehog
17:45 Superbook 2
18:10 Jack Hanna
18:30 European Cup Winners Cup Soccer – Maccabi Haifa vs Glentoran
21:00 Homicide
22:35 Charm of Cinema
23:00 The 700 Club
23:30 CNN News

CABLE

■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Animation
16:15 Amores
17:00 Panorama
17:30 From Day To Day
18:00 Animation
18:15 Arabic Drama – No Dear Husband
19:00 Arabic News
19:30 Russian News
20:00 Profiles – Adenauer
20:30 Telekassel
21:00 News
21:30 Summertime (1955) – Katharine Hepburn stars in one of her best roles as a middle-aged spinster on vacation *in* Venice who falls in love with a married man. Directed by David Lean
23:10 Criminal Justice

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 The Adventures of the Bush Patrol
16:00 Summer Studio
16:45 Local Pop
17:00 Marianne
17:30 Moliere
18:00 Destinos
18:30 Art Workshop
19:00 Masterpieces of the Art World
19:25 Little Big Country
20:00 Vis-a-vis
20:30 Tastes
20:55 Little Big Country
21:00 Cinescopus – Rosenberg Trio
22:00 Star Trek – Deep Space 9
22:45 Europe's Heritage

■ CHANNEL 3

7:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines
7:30 EITV: with Jodie Foster
8:00 Celeste
9:00 One Life to Live (rpt)
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives
11:15 Angels Don't Cry
12:00 Ricki Lake
12:45 Hart to Hart
13:30 Wings
14:00 Bewitched
14:25 I Dream of Jeannie
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:35 Judge Judy
16:00 Angels Don't Cry
16:45 One Life to Live
17:30 Cafe Paris
18:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines
18:30 Local Broadcast
19:00 *The Young and the Restless*
19:40 Melrose Place
20:25 Hercules
21:10 Xena, the Warrior Princess
22:00 Suddenly Susan
22:30 Seinfeld – reruns
23:00 Ricki Lake
23:45 Sentinel
00:30 Renegade
1:20 Love Boat
2:10 Spy Game
3:00 Poltergeist
3:45 Blood Brothers

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Floch (Hebrew, 1972) – Dan Wolman's black comedy, scripted by Hanoch Levin, about an old man who seeks a woman to bear him a son to replace his beloved grandson who was killed in an accident. With Avraham Chalfi and Ora Doron
13:05 The Meanest Gal in Town (1942) – comedy about an ambitious barber who will not marry his fiancee of 10 years until he adds a chair to his salon. With James Gleason
14:05 Interview with Courtney Cox
14:35 Dying to Love you (1993) – a man hurries to *marry a beautiful woman in order* to get over his divorce and then discovers he doesn't really know her.
16:05 Seeing Stars: Arnold Schwarzenegger
16:35 Sherlock Bonez (1994) – the comic adventures of a young boy and a talking dog
17:50 New in the Cinema
18:05 Wounded Heart (1995) – a young businesswoman returns to the farm *she grew up on and finds* herself attracted to her father's stepson
20:25 The Skipper II (Hebrew, 1989) – welfare authorities threaten to take the skipper's son
22:00 Crash (1996) – David Cronenberg's controversial movie about people who get sexual kicks from automobile crashes. With James Spader, Holly Hunter and Rosanna Arquette
23:45 Widow's Kiss (1995) – *a young man whose* father died shortly after remarrying begins to suspect the widow of being responsible for the death. With Beverly D'Angelo and Bruce Davidson
1:25 Passion Revenge (1996) – erotic thriller about a man who is tempted into sleeping with a stranger
2:50 Law of the Jungle (1995, 87 mins.) – a martial artist is forced to enter an illegal tournament. With Jeff Wincott

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons
8:05 Daisy and Dandelion
8:20 Sharky and George
8:35 Sinbad the Sailor Fantasy
9:00 Smurfs
9:35 Never Ending Story
10:00 Oz Kids
10:30 Bruno the Kid
10:50 Space Goofs
11:20 Through the Looking Glass
11:55 Student Bodies
12:30 Police Academy
13:25 Power Rangers
13:45 Helen and the Boys
14:10 Chiquititas
15:00 Daisy and Dandelion
15:20 Sharky and George
15:40 Sinbad the Sailor Fantasy
18:05 Children's Channel City
16:15 Animaniacs
16:30 Children's Channel City
16:45 Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries
17:05 Children's Channel City
17:20 Student Bodies
17:45 Children's Channel City
18:00 Police Academy
19:00 The Wonderful World of Augustus the Storyteller
19:30 Family Matters
19:55 Married with Children
20:20 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air
20:40 Full House
21:10 Beverly Hills 90210

■ SECOND SHOWING (5)

22:00 The Doors (1988) – *Oliver Stone's biopic of legendary rocker Jim Morrison.* Val Kilmer gives a fine performance in the title role
00:20 Mark of the Vampire (1935, 58 mins.) – early horror film about a professor who goes searching for *vampires. With Lionel* Barrymore, Elizabeth Allan and Bela Lugosi

■ *CHANNEL 8*

6:00 Open University
8:00 Great Strides (rpt)
8:30 *Life in the Wild, part 6*
9:00 Future Quest
9:30 Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (rpt)
9:55 Tippett: King Priam – modern opera
12:00 Sarabande
12:25 Halloween Trilogy
13:20 Beyond 2000 (rpt)
13:45 Great Palaces
14:15 Love in the Ancient World (rpt)
15:10 Marquis de Sade
16:05 Sadhus
17:00 Open University
19:05 Halloween Trilogy
20:05 Beyond 2000
20:30 Great Palaces
21:00 Love in the Ancient World
21:55 Dr. Benjamin Spock – a portrait of the children's doctor
23:00 The Big Questions
23:30 Open University

■ STAR WORLD (18/15)

6:00 Hawaii Cooks
6:30 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em
7:00 Bergerac
8:00 Oprah Winfrey Show
9:00 Santa Barbara
10:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
10:30 Nanny and the Professor
11:00 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em
11:30 Hawaii Cooks
12:00 Eeid the Cat
12:30 Small Wonder
13:00 Batman
13:30 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures
14:00 The Simpsons
14:30 The Wonder Years
15:00 Heartbeat
16:00 Halifax FP
18:00 Santa Barbara
19:00 The Bold and the *Beautiful*
19:30 The Simpsons
20:00 Heartbeat
21:00 Halifax FP (rpt)
23:00 Fire
00:00 Bergerac
1:00 Aerobics Oz Style
1:30 Terry Toons
2:00 Captain America

■ BBC WORLD (13/14)

News on the hour
6:30 Asia Today
6:45 World Business
7:30 Decisive Weapons: *Frigate, U-Boat Killers (rpt)*
8:30 The Skeleton Coast
9:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
10:30 The Air Show (rpt)
11:30 Decisive Weapons
12:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
13:30 The Travel Show (rpt)
14:00 The World Today
15:30 Wild World: The Living Planet, part 7
16:00 World News and Business Report
16:30 The World Today
17:30 Top Gear Waterworld
18:30 Hard Talk
19:30 Moneywise
20:00 The World Today
21:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
22:30 Ray Mear's World of Survival: Siberia
23:00 World News and Business Report
23:30 Earth Report: Mexico & Belize
00:10 Europe Direct
1:00 World News and Business Report
1:15 Asia Today (rpt)
2:05 USA Direct

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL (12)

News throughout the day
6:15 American Edition
6:30 World Report
7:00 CNN This Morning
7:30 Insight (rpt)
8:00 CNN This Morning
8:30 Moneyline (rpt)
9:00 CNN This Morning
9:30 World Sport
10:00 CNN This Morning
10:30 Showbiz Today
11:00 Larry King (rpt)
12:30 World Sport
13:30 American Edition
13:45 World Report: As *They See It*
14:30 Science and Technology
15:15 News & Business Asia
16:30 CNN Newsroom
17:30 World Sport
18:30 Travel Guide
19:00 Larry King Live (rpt)
20:45 American Edition
21:30 World Business
22:30 Q&A with Riz Khan
23:00 News Europe
23:30 Insight (rpt)
00:00 World Business
0:30 World Sport
1:00 World View
1:30 Moneyline
2:30 Showbiz Today

■ SKY NEWS (14/13)

News on the hour
6:30 CBS Evening News
7:30 ABC World News
8:00 Sunrise
12:30 ABC Nightline
13:30 Sky World News
18:30 Sky World News
19:00 Live at Five
21:30 Sportline
22:30 Business Report
23:30 Sky World News
00:00 Prime Time
2:30 CBS Evening News

■ *CHANNEL 5 (05)*

6:30 Bodies in Motion
16:00 Bodies in Motion
16:30 WNBA – semi-finals
19:00 Samsung Magazine
19:30 Sports News
20:00 French League Soccer
21:30 Motor Sports
22:00 Dutch League Soccer
23:30 Survivors

■ EUROSPORT (15/16)

9:30 *Sailing (rpt)*
10:00 LPGA Compaq Open in Sweden
11:00 Live Cycling
13:00 Karting
14:00 Motocross
14:30 Cycling
15:00 Mountain Bike
15:30 Motorsports
16:30 UEFA Champions League (rpt)
18:00 UEFA Champions League – live
18:30 Cycling
19:35 World Track Championships
21:35 Live Soccer – Cup Winners Cup
23:45 Boxing
00:00 Sumo
1:00 Motorsports
2:00 Xtrem Sports

PRIME TIME TV

	1	2	3	4	6	8
19:30	*The Thin Blue Line*		Melrose Place		Family Matters Married with Children	
20:00	News *Talk of the Day*	News	Hercules	The Skipper II	Fresh Prince of Bel Air Full House	Beyond 2000
20:30	Are You Being Served News	Shemesh			Beverly Hills 90210	Great Palaces
21:00		Bat Yam	Xena, the Warrior Princess			Love in the Ancient World
21:30	Summer at Jubilee					
22:00		Moonstruck	Suddenly Susan	Crash	The Doors	*Dr. Benjamin* Spock
22:30			Seinfeld			The Big Question
23:00	Dream On		Ricki Lake			

MOVIES

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE Annie Hall 5 • Vertigo 7 • *Pygmalion 9:30* • *The Boxer 9:45* **G.G. GIL** Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 6788448 Grease 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Red Corner 7:15, 10 • The Avengers 7:15, 10 • *Mouse Hunt* ∞*Superboy 11:30 a.m.*, 2, 4:45 • The Magic Sword *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30, 2, 4:45 • Lethal Weapon 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:30, 7:15, 10 • The Patriot 10 • The Big Lebowski 7:15, 10 • *City of Angels* 7:15, 10 • *The Borrowers* ∞Paulie 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:15 **JERUSALEM THEATER** The Spanish Prisoner 7 • The King of Masks 9:30 **RAV CHEN 1-7** ☎ 6792799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 6794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot Armageddon 7, 9:45 • Titanic 8:45 • The Horse Whisperer 9:45 • Pipi Longstocking *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 1., 3, 5 • Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 1., 3, 5 • Parent Trap 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45, 7:15 • Godzilla 11 a.m., 4:30, 7, 9:45 • Dr. Dolittle∞Mafia! 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The Leading Man 7:30, 9:45 • Titanic 11 a.m., 5, 8:45 **MEVASSERET ZION G.G. GIL** ☎ 5700868 Superboy 11:30 a.m., 4:15; Fri. 11:30 a.m. • Armageddon 4:15, 7, 10 • The Horse Whisperer 6:30, 9:45 • The Borrowers 11:30 a.m. **SMADAR** ☎ 5618168 A Price Above Rubies 5, 7:30, 10

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Caution urged for creatine

ROME (AP) – Legal muscle-builders, not banned substances, are a problem in Italian soccer and steps should be taken to curb their use, a report turned in yesterday says.

After hearing 33 witnesses, mostly Serie A players and trainers, Ugo Longo wrapped up his two-week inquiry for the Italian Olympic Committee (CONI) anti-doping commission without finding evidence of illegal drug use.

"Everyone I spoke to asked that we delve into the real problem: the use of substances that are not prohibited," said Longo, whose 50-page report was given to CONI president Mario Pescante. "Our investigation has not found evidence of doping in soccer."

Several players told Longo that the non-prescription muscle-builder creatine, an amino acid powder, is administered by their Serie A club doctors.

"Among the illustrious pharmacologists that I contacted, no one said this substance is good for you," Longo said.

"Everyone knows that certain dosages ... can improve athletes' performances while putting their health at risk." He has suggested creatine be banned or restricted.

The union chiefsaid that players erred by "having had full confidence in the doctors. ... Soccer players in general blindly trust their club doctors. They have the right to know what it is they are taking and what the effects are."

The investigations were sparked when AS Roma coach Zdenek Zeman expressed his "amazement" at the quick muscular development of some players.

DANCE MASTERS – Betar's Stefan Salloi (c) fights for the ball against Benfica's Serge Kandaurov. Betar's Assaf Domb (20) also applies pressure. (Brian Hendler)

Betar win battle, lose war

By DEREK FATTAL

Despite a prize victory in one of the most remarkable performances ever by an Israeli club in European competition, Betar Jerusalem fell out of the European's Champions' Cup last night. Their 4-2 home victory was not enough to offset Benfica's 6-0 lead from the first leg two weeks ago in the Portuguese capital.

The majority of the Betar faithful lost interest in last night's tie and only 4,000 were on hand last night's game at Teddy Stadium rather than risk more humiliation.

But the club had other ideas and, despite going down a goal on the quarter hour to a penalty blasted in by Benfica's Nuno Gomes, and then having Ilan Bechar dismissed in the 57th minute for a wild tackle, the Betaris came back in impressive fashion.

Betar's European hopes are still alive as they go into the hat for the next round of the UEFA Cup.

The turning point for Betar came with their 25th-minute equalizer when Istvan Hamar fastened on to a rebound from Benfica goalkeeper Michel Preud'homme and volleyed the ball into goal.

Two minutes later Stefan Salloi sent Preud'homme the wrong way with an impudently-placed penalty to give the hosts the lead and suddenly the clouds that had settled over the Betaris since their nightmare date in Lisbon were blown away.

The Jerusalem fans raised the rafters again when Betar found the net once more six minutes into the second half when Salloi's lobbed cross was headed home by Ofer Shitret who had been waiting in the box totally unattended by the Benfica defense.

By then Benfica were on the ropes and looked ready for their flight home, however Betar's rhythm was suddenly quashed when the referee handed a second yellow card to Bechar after he needlessly flattened Mark Pembridge.

The Jerusalemites regained control and their energy level went up with the introduction of Eli Ohana in the 79th minute. Two minutes later Ohana created an opening for captain Yossi Abuksis who let loose a deadly shot.

Despite their 4-1 lead Betar kept hunting for more goals, and were eventually caught upfield on a break by Joao Pinto who notched up a consolation goal for Benfica in the final minute of injury time.

Benfica coach Graeme Souness was generous in his praise of Betar. "We lost to the better team tonight. We were outgunned in every department. Technically they were better than us and they deserved to win. If they can play like this every night they should do well in the UEFA Cup. Whatever you do in football, someone is always waiting around the corner to punch you on the nose."

Sosa hits 52nd in Cubs' win

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CINCINNATI (AP) – Sammy Sosa finally made contact against Brett Tomko, hitting a towering shot for his 52nd homer yesterday as the Chicago Cubs beat the Cincinnati Reds 9-2 to end a four-game losing streak.

Kerry Wood (12-6) struck out 16 in eight innings, the second-highest total of his rookie season, as he won for the first time since July 31.

Sosa, who had struck out in his four career at-bats against Tomko (11-10), hit a solo homer in the third inning that smacked an advertising panel on the facing of the third deck in left-center field.

The homer, estimated at 438 feet, drew a standing ovation from a large part of the crowd of 20,315 and moved Sosa to within one of Mark McGwire as they close in on Roger Maris' record of 61.

Fifteen of Sosa's homers have come in Wood's starts.

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Blue Jays 3, Royals 0

Roger Clemens struck out 18 and won his 11th straight decision as he pitched Toronto to a home victory.

Clemens, who has struck out 20 in a nine-inning game twice and shares the record with Chicago Cubs rookie Kerry Wood, had 14 strikeouts in the first seven innings.

It was the 89th double-digit strikeout game of Clemens' career. He allowed three hits and walked none while improving his record to 16-6.

Angels 7, Yankees 6

Visiting Anaheim handed New York a rare three-game losing streak, relying on reliever Troy Percival to survive a tense ninth inning.

Not since opening the season with two losses at Anaheim and a defeat at Oakland had New York dropped three in a row. The Yankees had their chance to win this one when they loaded the bases with two outs in the ninth, but Percival lunged to grab Derek Jeter's grounder for the final out.

Red Sox 3, Athletics 2

Darren Lewis hit a tie-breaking home run leading off the seventh inning and Nomar Garciaparra went 4-for-4 as Boston won at Fenway Park.

Indians 10, Mariners 4

Manny Ramirez was 4-for-4 with his 31st homer and five RBIs as Cleveland won at home.

Ken Griffey Jr., who leads the AL with 44 homers, was 1-for-4 with a single and a walk, failing to homer for the first time in three games.

Twins 4, Devil Rays 1

Frankie Rodriguez, starting because Minnesota traded Mike Morgan earlier in the day, pitched 7 2/3 shutout innings to lead the Twins to a road win.

White Sox 6, Orioles 4

Frank Thomas and Albert Belle homered in the same game for the seventh time this season, and host Chicago stopped a six-game losing streak.

Tigers 8, Rangers 7

Frank Catalanotto had three doubles and Luis Gonzalez doubled twice as Detroit took a seven-run lead and held on to win on the road.

Juan Gonzalez hit a sacrifice fly in the ninth off Todd Jones to tie for the major league lead of 129 RBI, shared with the Cubs Sammy Sosa, and Will Clark hit a two-run homer.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Marlins 4, Cardinals 3

Mark McGwire remained at 53 homers, going 0-for-4 with a walk in St. Louis's home loss.

He has 31 games to reach the record of 61 that Roger Maris set in 1961. Twenty are at Busch Stadium, where McGwire has 27 homers this season. His bases-loaded walk in the fourth raised his season total to 138, 32 behind the record Babe Ruth set in 1923.

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Maccabi Haifa should advance to Cup Winners' Cup

By OFER RONEN-ABELS

Maccabi Haifa take a 1-0 lead into the second leg of the qualifying-round of the Cup Winners' Cup as they host Glentoran of Northern Ireland this evening at Kiryat Eliezer (kickoff at 18: 00).

The main question around the game is the team that Czech Coach Dushan Ohrin and his assistant Daniel Brailovsky will field.

Former Dortmund duo Amos Sassi and Shlomi Dahan together with Shuki Nagar are still not registered in UEFA and can only play in the league. Apart from them, Haifa will have a full squad at the coaching staff's disposal.

A player that is certain to start is Israel's International Alon Mizrahi, who scored the only goal in Dublin that gave Maccabi Haifa the precious away victory. The striker predicts a 2-0 win over the Ulstermen.

Glentoran arrived in Israel on Tuesday and brought with them 200 fans who no doubt are enjoying a nice break in Haifa's hot and humid climate away from a very rainy summer in N.Ireland.

Glentoran held a training session at Kiryat Eliezer yesterday and were very impressed by the stadium and the condition of the pitch.

The reward for qualifying to the next round is estimated at around $1.5 million. The game can be seen live on METV Channel 24.

BUSTED UP – Chicago's Albert Belle (l) foils a double play attempt by Orioles' shortstop Mike Bordick in 2nd-inning action. The White Sox beat Baltimore 6-4. (Reuters)

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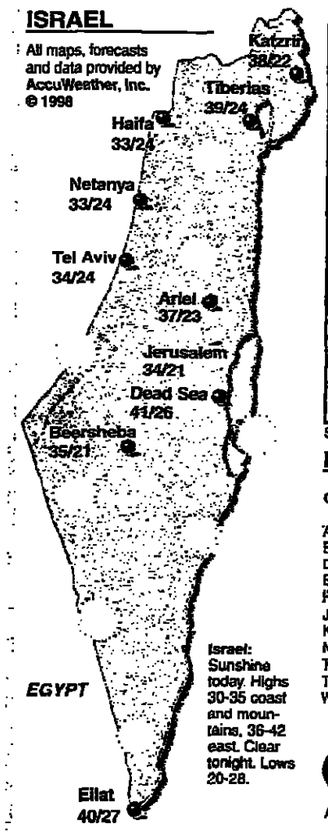

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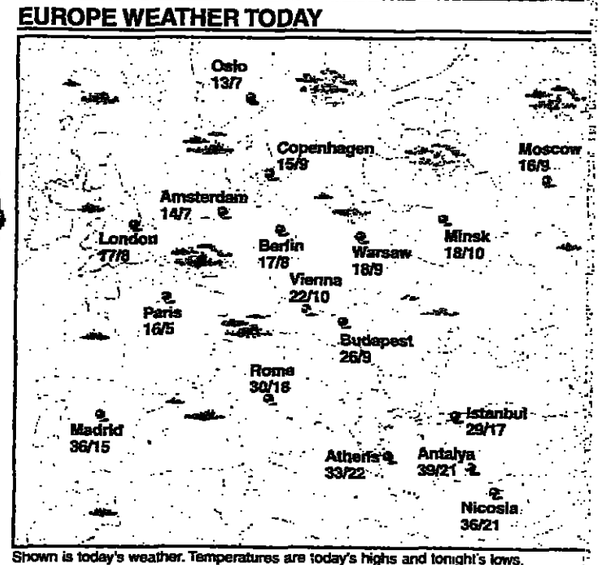

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

ISRAEL CITIES

City	Today High C/F	Today Low/W C/F	Friday High C/F	Friday Low/W C/F	Saturday High C/F	Saturday Low/W C/F	Sunday High C/F	Sunday Low/ C/F
Ariel	37/98	23/73/s	39/102	25/77/s	37/98	23/73/pc	39/102	25/77/
Beersheba	35/95	21/70/s	37/98	24/75/s	35/95	24/75/pc	37/98	24/75/
Dead Sea	41/106	26/79/s	41/106	28/82/s	43/109	28/82/pc	43/109	28/82/
Eilat	40/104	27/80/s	40/104	29/84/s	42/107	29/84/pc	42/107	31/88/
Haifa	33/91	24/75/s	33/91	24/75/s	35/95	26/79/pc	35/95	26/79/
Jerusalem	34/93	21/70/s	36/97	23/73/s	34/93	21/70/pc	36/97	23/73/
Katzrin	38/100	22/71/s	40/104	24/75/s	40/104	22/71/pc	40/104	22/71/
Netanya	33/91	24/75/s	34/93	24/75/s	36/97	24/75/pc	36/97	26/79/
Tel Aviv	34/93	24/75/s	34/93	26/79/s	36/97	26/79/pc	36/97	26/79/
Tiberias	39/102	24/75/s	41/106	26/79/s	41/106	28/82/pc	41/106	26/79/

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, f-fo

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City	Today High C/F	Today Low/W C/F	Friday High C/F	Friday Low/W C/F	Saturday High C/F	Saturday Low/ C/F
Amsterdam	14/57	7/44/pc	14/57	7/44/s	17/62	9/48/
Beijing	31/88	19/66/pc	31/88	21/70/s	29/84	20/68/
Berlin	17/62	8/46/sh	12/53	3/48/sh	16/61	8/46/
Brussels	14/57	6/43/pc	15/59	6/43/c	17/62	8/46
Cairo	37/98	24/75/s	37/98	24/75/s	38/100	25/77/
Chicago	30/86	19/66/t	30/86	19/66/pc	27/80	16/61/
Frankfurt	16/61	7/44/r	13/55	6/43/sh	16/61	6/43/
Hong Kong	33/91	28/82/pc	32/89	27/80/pc	33/91	26/79/
Johannesburg	20/68	6/43/s	21/70	7/44/s	23/73	8/46/
London	17/62	8/46/pc	17/62	11/52/c	20/68	12/53
Los Angeles	32/89	21/70/s	33/91	19/66/pc	34/93	19/66
Madrid	36/97	15/59/s	31/88	13/55/pc	31/88	15/59
Mexico City	26/79	15/59/c	21/70	13/55/c	24/75	13/55
Montreal	24/75	16/61/pc	24/75	15/59/pc	25/79	16/61/
Moscow	16/61	9/48/c	17/62	10/50/r	17/62	8/46/
New York	28/82	20/68/s	27/80	21/70/c	31/88	21/
Paris	16/61	5/41/c	16/61	6/43/pc	16/61	9/48/
Prague	17/62	5/41/pc	14/57	5/41/sh	15/59	3/37/
Rio de Janeiro	32/89	21/70/pc	25/77	19/66/pc	25/77	20/68/
Rome	30/86	18/64/s	26/79	17/62/r	25/79	16/61/
Sydney	16/61	9/48/pc	19/66	11/52/s	24/75	17/62
Tokyo	31/88	26/79/t	28/82	27/80/r	31/88	28/
Toronto	26/79	14/57/t	27/80	14/57/pc	27/80	14/57/
Vienna	22/71	10/50/sh	19/66	8/46/pc	18/64	7/44/
Warsaw	13/64	9/48/r	14/57	4/39/r	16/61	5/41/
Washington	30/86	20/68/s	29/84	22/71/pc	32/89	22/

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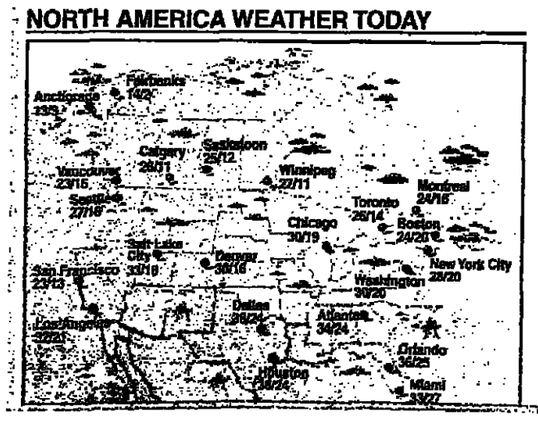

Moscow Times: Hull lauds Hitler

MOSCOW (AP) – Former NHL star Bobby Hull told a Russian newspaper that Nazis were not without merit, that the black population of the United States was growing too fast, and that genetic breeding was a worthy idea. Hull strongly denied the report.

"Hitler, for example, had some good ideas. He just went a little bit too far," the Hall of Fame player told the English-language *Moscow Times*.

The former Chicago Blackhawks and Winnipeg Jets star also said the Canadian government was too left-wing and was giving welfare payments to people who don't deserve them, the Moscow Times reported Tuesday.

Asked if it would be fair to describe him as a racist, Hull reportedly replied: "I don't give a damn. I'm not running for any political office." Yesterday, however, Hull issued a fierce denial of the report.

"The statements attributed to me by the *Moscow Times* and now republished by other media outlets are false and defamatory," Hull said in a statement released by his lawyer.

Hull, 59, gave the interview last week while in Russia as a guest of the organizers of the annual Spartak hockey tournament.

Hull also touched on his relationship with his son, Brett, who recently signed a free agent contract with the Dallas Stars. It's been said the relationship has been strained for years. But Hull said they were close.

"He is a very loyal kid," Hull reportedly said. "Maybe he is not as strong mentally as I was and can't always follow through on his decisions."

It was Hull's first visit to the former Soviet Union since 1976, when the Jets played in the Izvestia Cup. He also played for the World Hockey Association version of Team Canada when it visited Russia in 1974.

Hull, who scored 610 goals during 16 NHL seasons and twice won the Hart Trophy as the league's most valuable player, said that the "biggest disappointment of his life" was not being allowed to play in the 1972 Canada-Soviet series, which only used NHL players.

"I wanted to play more than anything else. But those big NHL heads decided to pay me back," said Hull, who had 303 goals in seven seasons in the WHA after leaving the NHL after the 1971-72 season.

Hull, who grew up on a farm near Belleville and still breeds cattle, toured a collective farm in Russia and visited St. Petersburg.

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Telfer to quit

EDINBURGH (Reuters) – Scotland coach Jim Telfer is to stand down after next year's rugby World Cup.

Telfer took over the Scotland side again after Richie Dixon resigned following the team's humiliating 68-10 loss to South Africa last November.

"I only agreed to take the job on a short-term basis," Telfer said.

Plans unveiled on Super League

LONDON (AP) – Rodolfo Hecht, president of Media Partners, outlined his proposals for a European Super league in soccer, which he believes can start by 2000.

The basic proposal is for a European Football League (EFL) comprising 32 teams in two divisions.

Under the plan, 16 "founder members" will be invited to join the league based on their performance over the past decade.

The 16 candidates so far are: Arsenal, Manchester United and Liverpool from England's Premier League; Italian giants Juventus, Inter Milan and AC Milan; Germany's Bayern Munich and Borussia Dortmund; Spain's Barcelona and Real Madrid; Dutch club Ajax; Marseille and Paris St. Germain of France; Benfica of Portugal; Panathanaikos of Greece, and Galatasaray of Turkey.

The founder members would be guaranteed a place in the league on a three-year basis, renewable subject to performance.

The other 16 sides will qualify on season-by-season performances in the respective national domestic leagues.

A second competition – a Pro Cup – would involve another 56 teams, including at least six from England, in a knock-out style competition similar to the UEFA Cup.

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